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CBE strikes out on funding for sports school

Shrouded in secrecy. Trustee, charitable arm avoid interviews; info scrubbed from Internet

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Calgary's public school board hasn't raised a cent from private donors for a $9-million facility to house high-calibre student athletes — despite being aware of the project for years and actively pursuing contributions from municipal and provincial government officials.

The lack of progress on a permanent National Sport School at Canada Olympic Park has the chair of the parent council questioning why the initiative has "taken a backseat" on the Calgary Board of Education's list of priorities and musing about whether it's time to try a different approach independent of the public organization.

"We've been put on the back-burner for so long, pushed around a little bit here and there," said Susan Holm, mother to one of 150 athletes currently attending a temporary facility.

"Our voices are not being heard by the Calgary Board of Education."

Former CBE trustee chair Pat Cochrane managed to secure $3 million for the project from the provincial government in 2012, but it was stated at the time the remaining $6 million would be covered through fundraising.

Minutes from board of trustee meetings indicated plans to develop the permanent facility in May 2009 or potentially even earlier.

Students have been housed in the temporary facility since 2011. At some point that year, it's believed the CBE's charitable foundation, EducationMatters, was engaged to raise the remaining $6 million. But both CBE administrators and the charity's interim executive director, Marilyn Field, confirmed this week that no funds have been secured.

Metro began sending questions to the CBE and Field via email on Monday. At some point between Tuesday and Thursday, any mention of the National Sport School campaign disappeared from the website for EducationMatters and three promotional YouTube videos were changed from public to private.

FLAMES OVER AND OUT

L.A. Kings goalie Jonathan Quick ducks as teammate Willie Mitchell and the Flames' TJ Galiardi crash over him during the first period in Calgary on Thursday. The Kings took the game 2-0. Flames fans were also treated to new security measures at the arena. Coverage, pages 3 and 44.

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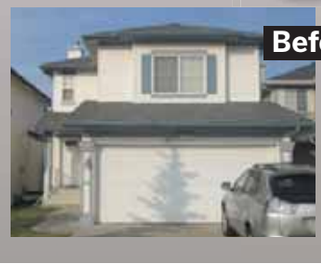

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Calgary.
Spate of laser attacks reported

Calgary cops are probing three separate incidents in which a police helicopter, commercial aircraft and taxi cab were flashed by a laser.

A cop chopper was reportedly targeted while flying over The Keg and other restaurants on Macleod Trail SE at about 8 p.m. Wednesday night. Civilian pilots filed a similar complaint roughly 90 minutes later from the southeast community of Ogden. A taxi driver also reported being zapped downtown.

Insp. Blair White warned lasers can cause temporary blindness, saying there are "huge implications" when a pilot or driver can't see. "It's not just a funny little lark," he said.

No charges have been laid.

A 19-year-old man was charged for pointing a powerful laser at a police chopper in 2013 in one of six occurrences of lasers investigated in Calgary last year. There was only one such investigation in 2012, White said.

It's not just police forces dealing with laser strikes, commercial pilots have lobbied Ottawa to make unlawful laser-pointing a criminal offence.

Reports from Transport Canada show a 24 per cent year-over-year jump in incidents in 2013. To date, there have been 32 laser cases over Canadian skies, according to the federal database.

Although WestJet wasn't hit Wednesday, spokesman Robert Palmer didn't mince words when asked about the offence.

"Shining a laser in a manner that could result in injury or serious damage is an incredibly stupid thing to do," he told Metro. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Flames fans see tighter security at Saddledome

Flames fans. Guests asked to come out earlier and have bags and coats open as they enter the stadium

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Hockey fans attending the first Calgary Flames game since the Olympic break arrived at the Saddledome Thursday evening to be greeted by walk-through metal detectors and security guards asking to search them and their bags.

"I had no idea," Steve McComish said of the new security measures. "It's all brand new."

The Flames announced what they describe as "enhanced guest security and safety measures" this week, and Thursday's game was the first taste for fans, who were handed brochures outlining the new policies.

Installation and activation of metal detectors will continue over the next month, said Flames vice-president of communications Peter Hanlon.

The NHL required the Flames to upgrade security at the Saddledome, Hanlon added, and this was "one of the options available" to meet the requirement.

The team is now discouraging fans from bringing bags to hockey games or any other items requiring additional inspection, in order to speed up entry.

Flames fan LaToya Wilson was surprised by the move, which she described as "strange."

"I've never encountered any issues at the 'Dome," she said. "I find it kind of invasive."

Others were quick to comment on social media that the move would cut down on the number of fans bringing flasks of booze into the arena, forcing drinkers to buy in-house beverages at steep prices.

Hockey fan Jefri Hiebert, however, said he didn't mind the change.

"I have nothing to hide and I'd fully expect a search for any other Saddledome event," he said. "It's weird this wasn't already Flames game policy."

Flames fan Steve McComish walks through a metal detector on his way to watch the team take on the L.A. Kings at the Scotiabank Saddledome Thursday evening. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

At a glance

- Game attendees and their belongings may now be searched upon entry into the Saddledome.
- Large backpacks or bags, spiked jewelry, laser pens, aerosol cans, laptops, and "mechanically enhanced noise making devices" are also prohibited.
- The Flames said the new security policy is "in line with measures in effect at other NHL venues and most large public assembly facilities in North America."

Test yourself

Do you know enough about Calgary to be a cabbie?

These questions were taken directly from the various modules inside the Calgary Livery Driver Training Course manual.

Tests are written daily during the five-day course to become a city cabbie and students are required to score 80 per cent to advance.

1. Provide a short description of what visitors can expect to find at Spruce Meadows?
2. Name five major roadways in northwest Calgary and which direction they run.
3. Name four shopping districts or malls in the city's southwest quadrant.
4. Name 10 communities that can be found in the southeast quadrant of the city.
5. What quadrant are the following venues located in and what major road or intersection runs alongside it?
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   b. Nose Hill Park
   c. McMahon Stadium
   d. Hooters
   e. Scotiabank Theatre Chinook
6. What is the best — and cheapest — route to get a passenger to and from the following locations. Name the major routes you would take.
   a. Peter Lougheed Hospital to 327 Coral Springs Place NE
   b. Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport to Telus Convention Centre
   c. 189 Silver Mead Cres. NW to University of Calgary
   d. 288 Evermeadows Ave. SW to Southcentre Mall

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Becoming a city cabbie no joyride

Licence to drive. Applicants put to the test on English proficiency, customer service, city geography

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Alemayehw Kejela took a defensive-driving course, proved he was proficient in English, underwent a police background check and snapped photos of himself in front of 30 major Calgary landmarks.

Then, the real training to become a licensed cabbie began.

In all likelihood, the bulk of the 18 students in his class will pass and earn their taxi driver's licence, but it won't be without dozens of hours of work. The course itself is five days long and features a test each day — a mark of 80 per cent is required to advance.

On Monday, he learned about the dos and don'ts of customer service. Tuesday's teaching centred around difficult situations, conflict resolution and the city's livery bylaw, while Wednesday's material addressed special concerns surrounding visible minorities, as well as disabled and senior citizens.

"We even have goggles in the back that we have them put on to impair their vision," remarked John Popplestone, a senior taxi inspector for the city.

Thursday's geography teaching is where most of the five to 10 per cent of applicants who fail the course will be tripped up. Forty questions are posed to each student asking them various amenities in each of Calgary's four quadrants as well as roadways running along popular landmarks and the best routes to get from various Point As to Point Bs.

As he pored over maps alongside his peers, Kejela admitted the course has been a challenge, but said it would be well worth it in the end.

"It's the freedom, that's what I like," he said of becoming a licensed cabbie. "I want to make my own choices, work my own hours."

Popplestone said many of the hundreds of applicants that take the course annually are surprised at the standard they're held to long before picking up a customer and flicking on the meter.

"You may come in here thinking you just jump in a taxi and away you go," he said. "It's so much more than that. We've tried to turn it into a profession as opposed to something you just do on a whim.... We want to try to set these guys up to succeed."

The course costs nearly $800 and is held twice monthly. High demand for the program leads to months-long waits just to enter.

Expectations

"For the most part, they (cab drivers) are expected to take anyone and everyone that comes up to their taxi and they're expected to take them no matter how far they want to go." John Popplestone, City of Calgary senior taxi inspector

Alemayehw Kejela, right, studies Calgary road maps with his peers during a Livery Driver Training Course session earlier this month. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Streamlined process urged. Manager criticizes driver course delays

Enrolment backlogs in Calgary's livery-driver training program are putting a drain on the available pool of potential cabbies in the city, contends the manager of one brokerage.

"If you signed up last month, the next class is in June," said Jeff Garland, who oversees a fleet of drivers under the Associated Cab banner. "What it does is discourage good applicants from even coming into the industry. Who's going to wait six to seven months to do the class and then shell out $800 or $900?

"That's where their problem is, it's not mandating what they need to do and when they need to drive."

Garland's reference was to a proposal that Calgary's chief livery manager Marc Halat appears intent on steering ahead that would require every one of the 1,526 cabs cleared to operate in the city to be in service from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Similar requirements would be in place during the Calgary Stampede and other high-demand events.

But the brokerages have instead contended that more taxi plates need to be issued. Garland added that streamlining the process to become a cabbie would help as well, noting he first revved up criticism of the driver program when it was rolled out in 2006.

"When there's a supply problem, what do you do? You boost the supply," he said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Details

- There are more than 4,000 licensed taxi drivers in Calgary and each is required to undergo a police background check annually.
- Many cabbies are not currently active or split shifts with another driver on one of 1,526 vehicles featuring a required taxi plate issued by the city.

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Taxi confessions. What would you do if faced with these moral dilemmas?

Play Taxi Media, a national network of in-taxi touchscreens, surveyed more than 4,500 men and women, challenging them on certain moral dilemmas. Below are the results:

If someone dropped a $50 bill, what would you do?

Sixty-seven per cent believe it is better to give than to receive, with 38 per cent expressing that they would give it back to its rightful owners and 29 per cent would hand it over to a person in need.

If an acquaintance was about to get engaged to an unfaithful partner, what would you do?

Thirty-three per cent of men and women admit that they would "mind their business" and wish them the best. However, women seem to be a bit more strategic with an additional 26 per cent reporting that they would tell a mutual friend in hopes that the message makes it to the bride or groom to be.

Who would you choose?

When Friday comes around and you have a choice between spending time with your best friend or your significant other, who would you choose?

- Eighty per cent of men and 76 per cent of women chose their BFF's over their significant other. Maybe Valentine's day needs to happen a few more times per year?

If a teenager (16-plus) asked you to buy them alcohol in exchange for money, what would you do?

Fifty-one per cent of men and 42 per cent of women believe Canada's alcohol laws are too strict. Anonymous surveys are great! **PLAY TAXI MEDIA**

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Gold-medal hockey game

By allowing bars to open, Redford spurred the conversation of changing our archaic liquor laws, which have always struggled to adapt to a staggered closing time system.

The next provincial election is still more than two years away, but that hasn't stopped politicians from posturing and scraping for potential elections issues.

Premier Redford no doubt bought herself some much-needed cool points this past weekend, when she decreed that all of Alberta could drink at 4:30 a.m. while watching the Olympic men's gold-medal hockey game.

Some will argue that we shouldn't vote for her because of this one particular issue, which is probably true. But time and time again, some voters have proven that they'll vote for whoever they think is cool.

Everyone from Arnold Schwarzenegger to Justin Trudeau and yes, Rob Ford, have no doubt garnered votes because of their cool factor. (Although I fear for the generation of Canadians whose idea of cool is Justin Trudeau. Joey Jeremiah he is not.) This type of voting is not a great statement about democracy, but it's an accurate one.

I was actually happy that Redford made such a sweeping decision, because it showed that not everything government does gets stuck in red tape. Her swift decision surprised me; but before I had time to make a reservation at a pub, Alberta's opposition parties were already saying that while they supported bars being open, there were more important issues at hand.

I'd beg to differ.

Sure, for some it was about being able to drink through the night; for others it was fun to joke about having both a coffee and beer at 4:30 a.m. But what it wasn't about was taxes, expense accounts, policies, horse culling or any other issue that normally fills our headlines.

All this past weekend was about was having fun, being with friends and family and cheering for our Olympic athletes. Solidifying her position as the official Olympic Debbie Downer, Wildrose leader Danielle Smith called the discussion of changing the liquor laws "a distraction" from the real issues.

Maybe it's because I've watched two seasons of House of Cards in four days, but the move might have been more political than anyone might have thought. By allowing the bars to open, Redford spurred the conversation of changing our archaic liquor laws, which have always struggled to adapt to a staggered closing time system, unlike in places like Europe or Australia.

I want staggered closing times because I believe that it will force the city of Calgary to deal with the taxi stranglehold currently crippling our city's nightlife. I'd also hope that Calgary Transit would be forced to look at changing its operating hours. The issue at hand isn't about drinking, it's about coming up with ways of getting people who've been drinking off the roads.

The next provincial election will take place during the same year as the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. While it's hard to imagine Albertans getting excited enough about a particular summer sport that will result in the government deciding to open bars early, it'll be interesting to see if any parties attempt a similar move.

Politicians would be foolish to pass up the opportunity to be cool. I know I wouldn't.

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Education. Premier says curriculum changes will be 'transformative'

Premier Alison Redford METRO FILE

Alberta's premier says a two-year redesign of the education curriculum will better prepare students for their professional careers.

Alison Redford said Thursday new partnerships are being forged with the private sector to develop proper skills training and much of the work undertaken by Education Minister Jeff Johnson is being steered by the Inspiring Education document, which attempts to envision the student of the future.

"It's exciting, it will be transformative and it's going to be great for Alberta kids," Redford told reporters Thursday.

Earlier this month, the Calgary Board of Education was announced as one of the 20 entities steering the development of math, science, social studies, arts, wellness and language arts courses.

But a move towards the vision of Inspiring Education, which aims to develop "competency-based learning," hasn't come without its share of hiccups.

Parents have criticized new report cards being introduced under guidance from the vision, claiming they used vague words to assess children.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Northern Alberta. Guilty plea in drowning case

Little Lexi Ribbonleg drowned in a batch of homebrew while her mother, who had earlier been seen drinking the alcohol, slept soundly near her in their mobile home in a remote northern Alberta community.

The baby was head down in a crate of the fermented potato-yeast concoction, her legs sticking up in the air.

Details about the 10-month-old's death last spring near Fox Lake emerged publicly for the first time in court this week.

A document obtained by The Canadian Press says the baby's 12-year-old brother made the discovery May 29 when he came home from school.

Their mother, Viola Ribbonleg, entered a guilty plea Tuesday to a charge of criminal negligence causing death for failing to provide adequate child care.

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Pharmacist Charlene Christian and her son, Ryan, can't wait to get neighbourhood bus service for the first time since they moved to the northeast community of Redstone in October. BRIAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Transit tweaks coming on board

March 10. More trips, more often

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On her way to the bus stop, Redstone resident Charlene Christian dodges open excavation sites, piles of dirty snow and cars zipping by where the sidewalks haven't yet been built.

While Christian admits there's a price to living in a brand-new community without transit service, the working mom also relays frustration in having to trudge to neighbouring Skyview Ranch to hitch a ride.

"The last two weeks I've missed it every day," she said.

That's why Christian and her neighbours are elated that new service is less than two weeks away. In one of several changes coming on board March 10, Route No. 445 will now circle her far-flung northeast suburb.

Several other routes will be extended elsewhere in the city. The No. 151 and 153 will expand service in the deep southeast and riders in Kincora, Sage Hill and Evanston will also benefit from the first bus service tweaks of 2014.

Trips are being added on four routes, and axed from only one seldom-used ride from University to Rundle Station early Saturday mornings. The service changes reflect new roads and surging ridership demands.

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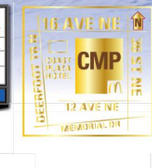

Calgary mother Karen Lloyd, seen here with two of her younger kids, serves as parent council chair at Lord Beaverbrook High School. METRO FILE

Parent praises principal under fire

Lord Beaverbrook.
The parent chair at the high school comes to the defence of Jim Simpson

The parent chair at a Calgary high school under fire from many of its senior students over a new policy that could keep some of them off the graduation-day stage is speaking in defence of the principal at the centre of the controversy.

But Karen Lloyd, mother of a recent Lord Beaverbrook graduate, said she's withholding personal opinion on the policy, which requires senior students to pass all of their courses to walk the stage, out of respect for a range of opinions among those she represents.

Lloyd did commend principal Jim Simpson, however, for attempting a bold move to boost the school's declining attendance and high-school completion rates.

"It's not an unusual thing for it to be about more than just getting your diploma," she said. "Maybe that's part of the problem, a lot of our society was in school at time where if you got the diploma, you walked the stage."

Naturally, Lloyd said many parents have questioned if other schools have adopted similar policies. She's since discovered that several city schools include provisions around good citizenship and one facility even requires students to complete a certain number of hours of community service.

A school in Edmonton also requires students to attend 90 per cent of their classes to walk the stage, Lloyd said.

But students have continued to question whether the policy accurately reflects their contribution to Beaverbrook — an online petition calling on Simpson to remove the 50 per cent clause from the graduation policy had received more than 1,900 supporters at press time Thursday.

Bailey Bates first raised concerns about the policy to Metro but has since learned he did pass his Math 30-2 course, one which is not required to earn a diploma. Even still, the disgruntled student met with Simpson on Wednesday to discuss the requirements.

"I was asked how to motivate students to get 50 per cent," Bates said. "I stated that the policy did not motivate, it only demoralized students."

Simpson pledged earlier Wednesday to meet with each student impacted by the policy and said it could still be amended before graduation day later this semester.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Yellow card for the R-word

When hundreds of young, urban professionals gather at Flames Central on Friday night, it will be for a good time, a good cause, and to help stamp out casual use of the R-word.

"It's become part of everyday dialogue, unfortunately," said John Byrne, president of Special Olympics Alberta, which will be the beneficiary of the funds and goodwill raised during the annual Motionball Gala.

Paul Horton, the gala director, said this year's event will also help launch the Yellow Card campaign, aimed at changing the culture surrounding the word.

"It's not a campaign of saying, 'You can't use this word,'" Horton said. "It's more saying, 'Understand the impact this word has.'"

Byrne said most people don't use the word with malicious intent, but often don't realize the effect it has on people with developmental disabilities.

"When people see the individual it impacts, they just know this word is hurtful and dehumanizing," he said.

Special Olympians will be among the guests at the gala, which is a major fundraiser for the Special Olympics each year.

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Sarah McCarthy shows off some medals during last year's Motionball Gala in Calgary. SCREENSHOT/CONTRIBUTED

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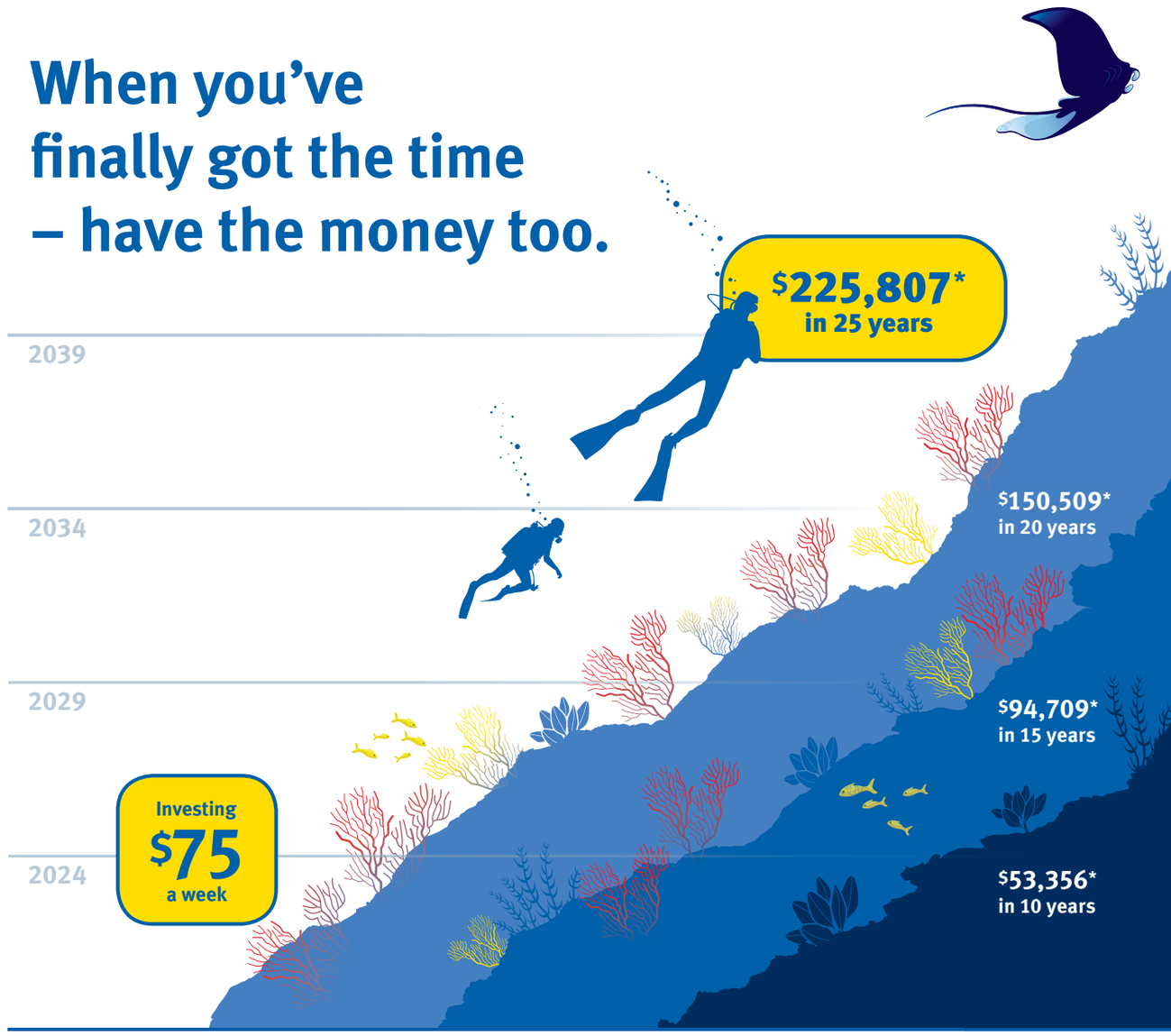

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Money problems

Talks between province, AUPE hit the ditch ... again

Talks between Alberta and its largest public sector union have hit the ditch again over money.

The province has offered more money in a lump sum to the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, but the union says it wants pay increases to be built into a new contract.

AUPE president Guy Smith says the province is still demanding wage freezes in the first two years of a four-year contract, despite the lump-sum payments.

Deputy premier Dave Hancock says the lump-sum payments reflect a good-faith compromise to compensate AUPE workers fairly.

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Airdrie

3 days, 3 semi drivers caught for impaired driving

Airdrie RCMP say they caught three semi drivers operating big rigs under the influence of alcohol in the span of three days this month.

In the first case, a 50-year-old Ontario man was arrested on Feb. 8 after pulling into an inspection station, where commercial-vehicle enforcement officers noticed signs of impairment and contacted police.

The next two cases happened on Feb. 11, after RCMP were alerted to two semi drivers who had been drinking at a local truck stop.

Officers caught up with both vehicles, arrested one driver with impaired driving and issued a 72-hour roadside suspension to the other. METRO

Demonstrators wave Venezuelan flags outside Calgary City Hall on Thursday.

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Propaganda.
Demonstrators condemn government control of traditional media and censorship of social media in Venezuela

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Demonstrations over the Venezuelan crisis continued Thursday in Calgary with about 100 people gathering downtown to call on the federal government to act more forcefully over the ongoing violence in the South American country.

"We don't see enough support from Canada over what is happening in Venezuela," said Venezuelan-Canadian Merli Rojas. "We are really close to a civil war, and we don't want that for our country."

Demonstrators were gathering signatures on a petition that organizer Josue Ramirez said will be sent to the office of every Calgary MP on Monday.

"The idea is to show Parliament that Canadians, Calgarians, Venezuelans, care about the situation in our country," Ramirez said.

Ramirez said Canada should help convene a meeting of foreign ministers of the Organization of American States over the political crisis and call on the Venezuelan government to stop its media censorship and violent crackdowns on protesters.

"At least send a special, urgent mission to Venezuela as the European parliament is going to do," Ramirez said.

Thursday's demonstration was the third large gathering

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protesters to act on crisis

in Calgary the past week and a half. There were similar protests on Saturday at Shaw Millennium Park and Feb. 18 on the Peace Bridge.

Meanwhile, in Venezuela Thursday, the start of a week of holidays leading up to the March 5 anniversary of the death of former president Hugo Chavez reduced protesters' numbers but did not completely pull them from the streets.

Hundreds of students were met with tear gas as they rallied in Caracas demanding an end to the government crackdown and the release of those jailed in recent weeks.

Venezuelans have been frustrated by food shortages, soaring crime rates and inflation that hit 56 per cent last year.

What began as student-led demonstrations this month in several cities have now taken a toll that the government puts at 16 dead.

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"We need a national dialogue in Venezuela — a real dialogue, not that silly stuff we had the other night when the president said, 'Oh, nothing is happening in Venezuela. We are a peaceful people.' At the same time he was doing that speech on a national broadcast ... people were being killed and hit by bullets on the street."

Calgary protest organizer Josue Ramirez

Residents urged to fight fraud by changing their passwords

Anti-fraud authorities are calling on Calgarians to change their passwords to combat cyber criminals.

Staff Sgt. Dan Hoshwa, who heads the economic crimes unit, says he's seen a "big increase in computer hacking" attacks against both individuals and companies over the past three years.

"Change your password — three powerful words," Hoshwa emphatically told reporters.

That advice was echoed by crime prevention specialist Kathy Macdonald, who proclaimed Friday "change-your-password day."

"As we know, passwords are key to everything," said Macdonald of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association.

Fraudsters are in crosshairs of police and other authorities during a month-long Calgary campaign. Other awareness efforts surround people's so-called "digital footprint" and the need to safely dispose of data and electronic devices.

"One of the ways we can help society address the issues of crime is to be proactive," criminologist John Winterdyk said at police headquarters.

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Same-sex marriage.
Kentucky the latest win for gay rights advocates

A federal judge signed an order Thursday directing officials in Kentucky to immediately recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states and countries, capping a hectic 24 hours in the battle over gay rights that is raging across the U.S.

The Kentucky decision was just the latest victory for gay rights advocates.

A federal judge on Wednesday declared a same-sex marriage ban in deeply conservative Texas unconstitutional, handing same-sex marriage proponents their biggest victory yet — pending an appeal that will likely go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

It followed similar recent decisions in Utah, Oklahoma and Virginia.

Kentucky's ruling Thursday only requires the state to recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples performed in other states or countries.

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Rehearsal for invasion?

North Korea launches missiles in protest, say officials

North Korea fired four suspected short-range missiles into its eastern waters Thursday, South Korean defence officials said, in an apparent effort to protest ongoing U.S.-South Korean military exercises that Pyongyang calls a rehearsal for invasion.

The launches, however, weren't expected to raise tension as North Korea routinely tests short-range missiles and it has recently sought better ties with South Korea in what outside analysts say is an attempt to win badly-needed foreign investment and aid.

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Pro-Russian gunmen seize Ukraine's Crimea

Pro-Russian activists carry Orthodox Icons at a checkpoint outside the Ukrainian Black Sea port of Sevastopol in Crimea, Ukraine, Thursday.

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Blow to the bank.
Tensions have caused the country's finances to plummet, prompting a potential emergency financial package

Masked gunmen stormed parliament in Ukraine's strategic Crimea region Thursday as Russian fighter jets scrambled to patrol borders, while the newly formed government pledged to prevent a national breakup with strong backing from the West — the stirrings of a potentially dangerous confrontation reminiscent of Cold War brinksmanship.

Moscow granted shelter to Ukraine's fugitive president, Viktor Yanukovych, state media said. He was said to be holed up in a luxury government retreat and to have scheduled a news conference Friday near the Ukrainian border.

As gunmen wearing unmarked camouflage uniforms erected a sign reading "Crimea is Russia" in the provincial capital, Ukraine's interim prime minister declared the Black Sea territory "has been and will be a part of Ukraine."

The escalating conflict sent Ukraine's finances plummeting further, prompting Western leaders to prepare an emergency financial package.

Yanukovych, whose abandonment of closer ties to Europe in favour of a bailout loan from Russia set off three months of protests, finally fled by helicopter last week as his allies deserted him. The humiliating exit was a severe blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who had been celebrating his signature Olympics even as Ukraine's drama came to a head. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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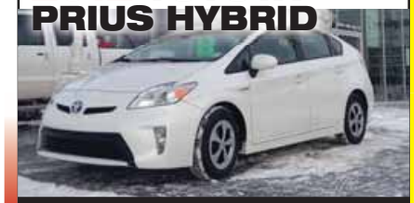

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Romania's pain — its orphans

Ceausescu-era abuse. Since Romanian orphans came to Canada, Simon Fraser U. has been studying their development

Romanian orphans play without toys at a Bucharest orphanage in 1991. SIUMUI CHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

When the Iron Curtain was torn down almost 25 years ago, the images shocked the world: tens of thousands of Romanian children warehoused in cold, grey institutions, sometimes stacked six to a bed.

Malnourished and ailing, children rocked themselves in silence on thin, threadbare mattresses. Most didn't talk or cry. There was no point. No one was listening.

Bottles were often tied to cribs for babies to feed themselves.

"Nobody held it for them, or fed them or held the child. If the baby could cope with it, good; if not, they got sick and died," says Lucy LeMare, an associate professor at Simon Fraser University, near Vancouver.

Under Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, the number of state orphanages had swelled to more than 600 grossly underfunded institutions. After he was executed by his own people on Christmas Day in 1989, childless western families flooded the country to adopt. Canadian families took in more than 1,400 children from Romania in 1990 and 1991, roughly half of them from orphanages.

The circumstances presented a tragic and unprecedented opportunity to assess the long-term impact of deprivation in early childhood, and Simon Fraser researchers have spent the past two decades studying the adoptees' development.

They surveyed them as toddlers, then twice as school-aged children and again around 17.

They're now beginning a new survey with the hope that, as adults, the former Romanian orphans may be able to shed light on what helped and what hampered their ability to cope with their early trauma.

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Mental disorders

- The most recent survey, published in 2007, found that about 40 per cent of Romanian adoptees had been diagnosed with a mental disorder, compared with 15 per cent among the general youth population in Canada.

Early abuse scars deep

"When people saw those images after the fall of Ceausescu, they looked at those babies and thought ... I'm going to love that child and everything is going to be OK.' It turns out that that's not always the case."

Lucy LeMare, associate professor at Simon Fraser University

A nation's shame

Carmen's story of survival

She was so tiny in her crib that her soon-to-be-mom thought she was about 18 months old. Actually, she was 4 1/2, but neglect and malnourishment had taken their toll.

"What about this little girl?" Sonya Paterson recalls asking in one of a string of dark rooms in dark orphanages she visited throughout Romania. She was helping hundreds of Canadian and American couples adopt kids from the crumbling state.

"The orphanage director looked at me right in the eyes and said, 'Sonya, that girl's not for you. She's irrecuperable and you should get yourself a baby.'" But the fact that Carmen had survived the barren, prison-like orphanage only endeared the bright-eyed little girl to Paterson. She was adopted by her in 1990.

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Three-parent embryos. U.K. holds public review of controversial fertilization technique

Britain is inviting the public to weigh in on draft rules allowing scientists to create embryos using DNA from three people — a man and two women — to prevent mothers from passing on potentially fatal genetic diseases.

The latest public review should be the last step before politicians consider changing the law to let doctors offer the new fertilization techniques to patients. That would make Britain the first country in the world to allow the procedure to help people have children.

The public input isn't meant to debate whether the controversial techniques should be permitted. Instead, it concerns how they should be used to prevent relatively rare diseases caused by DNA defects in parts of the cell called mitochondria. Mistakes in the mitochondria's genetic code can result in diseases such as muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, heart problems and mental handicaps.

Mitochondria are energy-producing structures outside the cell's nucleus. The new techniques involve removing the nucleus DNA from the egg of a prospective mother and inserting it into a donor egg, from which the nucleus DNA has been removed. That happens either before or after fertilization.

The resulting child ends up with the nucleus DNA from its parents, but the mitochondrial DNA from the donor. Scientists say the DNA from the donor egg amounts to less than one per cent of the resulting embryo's genes.

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Genetic alteration

"(This) is an important step for society and should not be taken lightly."

Dr. Peter Braude, emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynecology at King's College London

Funding daycare

Bloomberg gives $10M to help Bangladeshi kids

Former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg's foundation is donating $10 million to a program aimed at preventing the drowning of Bangladeshi children who may be improperly supervised while their parents are at work. The initiative will fund community daycare and playpens.

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Rare Citizen Kane draft script for sale

Orson Welles' personal draft script for Citizen Kane is up for sale, from the collection of an American almost as wealthy as the movie's monstrous newspaper mogul, though considerably more private.

Sotheby's auction house is offering the typed script, covered in Welles' amendments and annotations.

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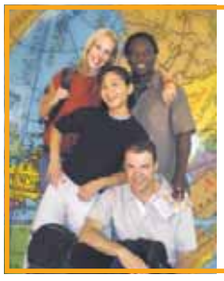
It's a rocket, man

A Japanese H-IIA rocket with the NASA-Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Core Observatory on board takes off from the Tanegashima Space Center on Friday in Tanegashima, Japan. BILL INGALLS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/NASA



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Google gives virtual tour of 'Polar Bear Capital'

A polar bear investigates a vehicle recording imagery for Google Maps in Churchill, Man. Google Maps users can now trek virtually across the frozen Manitoba tundra and spy on the local residents, who weren't shy about posing for the cameras. Known as the "Polar Bear Capital of the World," Google visited Churchill with the assistance of the non-profit Polar Bears International to capture images of the majestic animals and their habitat for its Street View feature.

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Greyhound killer allowed to leave hospital unescorted

Vince Li. Board grants man who beheaded fellow passenger on Manitoba bus freedom to travel to nearby town without supervision

Not convinced

"He poses no threat in care. I propose they keep him in care so he's not a threat."

Carol DeDelley, mother of victim Tim McLean, who says there is no way to guarantee that Vince Li will continue to take his medication if he's unsupervised.

A man who beheaded a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus in Manitoba will soon be allowed to leave a mental hospital without an escort.

Thursday's ruling by the Criminal Code Review Board means Vince Li will be on his own in public for the first time since he stabbed Tim McLean and then ate parts of his body six years ago.

The board granted Li all the new freedoms his psychiatric team had requested at a hearing earlier this week. Lead psychiatrist Dr. Steven Kremer said Li, a schizophrenic, has stopped experiencing delusions and is a non-violent patient.

Instead of the supervised outings Li had been granted previously, he will be allowed unescorted trips from the Selkirk Mental Health Centre into the nearby city of Selkirk. The visits, to begin next Thursday, are to start at 30 minutes and increase to full days.

As well, Li's supervision on outings to other communities — including Winnipeg — will be relaxed. He is to be part of a group without a staff member dedicated to monitoring him.

Li is also to be moved to an unlocked ward at the hospital from the secure wing where he has been kept.

For McLean's mother, the changes were an outrage.

"We're not surprised. We're very disappointed, embarrassed, ashamed," Carol DeDelley said.

"I ultimately do not believe that when you take a life, you have the right to freedom any longer." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Egypt. Supporters rally for release of Canadian journalist and colleagues

Members of the Canadian media and the public joined an international day of action Thursday to demand the release of several Al Jazeera journalists, including an Egyptian-Canadian, who are imprisoned in Cairo.

Canadian Mohamed Fahmy and his colleagues — Australian Peter Greste and Egyptian Baher Mohamed — were detained on Dec. 29, and are being tried on charges of belonging to and aiding a terrorist organization.

Their arrests were characterized as part of a crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamist group that Egypt's government has branded a terrorist organization.

Local authorities have said Al Jazeera is biased towards the Brotherhood — an allegation the broadcaster has denied.

At a rally in Toronto, journalists and concerned citizens braved frigid temperatures to send a message that journalism is not a crime.

"They are reporters, producers, journalists and they've been put in jail for doing their jobs. It's unjust," Tom Henheffer, executive director of the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression, said at a rally in Toronto.

"It's crucial that we gather for one of our fellow Canadians and fight to get him out of prison."

Journalists and free speech advocates, some with masking tape stuck across their mouths, gathered in centres in other countries as well, including London's Trafalgar Square, Lebanon's Martyrs' Square and in Kenya's capital, Nairobi.

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A journalist covers her mouth in Beirut, Lebanon, Thursday, to show solidarity with journalists, including Canadian Mohamed Fahmy, who are detained by Egyptian authorities.

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More study needed

Canada agrees to prevent fishing in Arctic Ocean

Canada and four other Arctic nations have agreed to work toward a deal to block commercial fishing in the central Arctic Ocean until more is known about the potential of the resource.

The agreement with the U.S., Russia, Denmark and Norway was reached Wednesday in Nuuk, Greenland, after three days of talks.

"The participants recognized the need for interim precautionary measures to prevent any future commercial fisheries without the prior establishment of appropriate regulatory mechanisms," said a news release issued from Nuuk.

"The participants will work toward the establishment of such interim measures."

The five Arctic coastal nations each regulate fishing up to 200 nautical miles from their shores, but that leaves a large regulatory hole in the central Arctic Ocean.

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Judge to examine U.K. policy of protecting IRA fugitives

North Ireland Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness of Sinn Féin, right, along with party colleague Gerry Kelly, speaks to the media in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Thursday. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Secret side deal.
Findings on program providing letters promising immunity to IRA vets to be reported publicly in May

The British government announced Thursday it will appoint a judge to investigate its long-secret policy of supplying letters to Irish Republican Army fugitives promising them protection from arrest. The issue is dividing Northern Ireland's unity government.

Until this week, Northern Ireland citizens believed more than 200 IRA veterans still could not travel into the U.K. without fear of arrest for outstanding charges or investigations. Publicly, the British government and the IRA's political front, Sinn Féin, gave every impression this remained the case.

Then a London court judgment, published Tuesday, revealed that Britain and Sinn Féin had misled everyone else — and cut a secret side deal.

The judge revealed that governments led by Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and David Cameron, the current prime minister, had provided 187 IRA veterans with official letters vetted by police and prosecutors reassuring them that, should they return to Northern Ireland or travel to Britain, they would not be arrested for suspected involvement in IRA attacks. Those provided letters included men linked to the slaughter of Protestant civilians. The process started in 2000 and accelerated in 2007 shortly before the Northern Ireland coalition's creation.

Cameron announced Thursday that a judge would investigate the letters program and report findings publicly by May. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not a get-out-of-jail-free card

"They will be liable for arrest and prosecution."

Theresa Villiers, cabinet minister for Northern Ireland, on what will happen if evidence shows that letter-holders committed terrorist offences.

Roller rink employee

Man indulged foot fetish with up to 200 children: Cops

Police are trying to identify the victims of a 19-year-old Los Angeles roller rink employee who they say admitted indulging a self-described "foot fetish" with up to 200 young boys.

Julian Christopher Flores is charged with one count each of false imprisonment and attempted lewd act on a child, the Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday. He has pleaded not guilty.

The newspaper cited court documents that show Flores admitted taking up to 200 young boys into a maintenance room over the course of a year at Northridge Skateland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elana Simon

Teen spearheads cancer study

A U.S. teenager who survived cancer decided to study her own rare disease, and helped point scientists to a gene flaw that might spur it.

Age 18 is young to be an author of a study in the prestigious journal Science. But an industrious high school student spearheaded a research project that is bringing new attention to this mysterious disease.

Elana Simon was 12 when she was diagnosed with an extremely rare form of liver cancer that mostly hits teens and young adults. Surgery left her cancer-free. But a high school internship helped her launch the project with help from her scientist father and her doctor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Port of Stockton

Mystery Google barge on the move

Google's mystery barge is heading on a short cruise to comply with an order requiring it to move from its current home on a San Francisco Bay island.

The agency leasing the Treasure Island space where the barge is being built says the four-story vessel is bound for the Port of Stockton, a destination located about 120 kilometres east of San Francisco. The island's development authority says it has been notified the barge will move by March 7.

The barge is leaving because of a Jan. 31 regulatory order concluding that Google didn't have the proper building permits at Treasure Island. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In wake of vandalism, Israel donates Anne Frank diaries

Japan. Mayor of Tokyo ward hopes awareness of Holocaust and its 'horrid' racism improves

The Israeli Embassy is donating 300 Anne Frank-related books to Tokyo public libraries to replace those that have been vandalized.

Representatives from the embassy and Japan's Jewish community presented some of the books to the mayor of Tokyo's Suginami ward at a news conference Thursday.

More than 300 books related to Anne Frank, including copies of "The Diary of a Young Girl," have been found damaged in Tokyo libraries, according to the latest tally. Suginami was particularly hard hit, with 121 books vandalized. The donated books will be divided among Tokyo libraries.

The mayor of Suginami expressed hope that the incident could be turned into a lesson for Japanese who are not aware of the Holocaust.

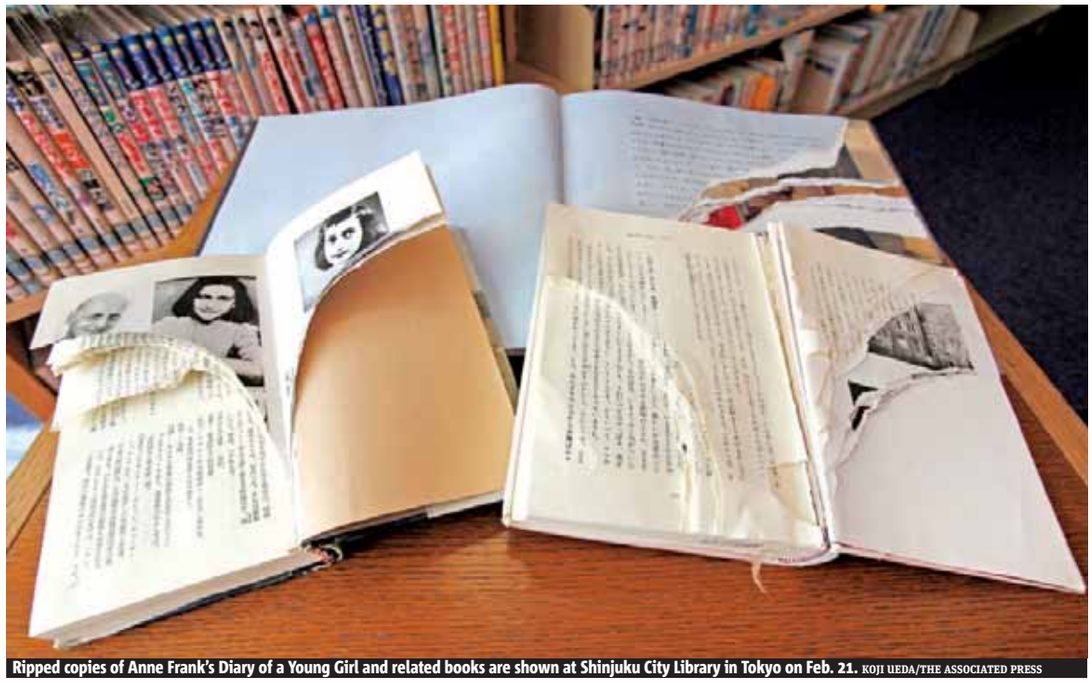
"Through this incident, I believe that people also learned about the horrid facts of history and of racism, and with this knowledge, I hope that our people were given an opportunity to reflect on the preciousness of peace," Mayor Ryo Tanaka said.

Peleg Lewi, deputy chief of mission at the Israeli Embassy, said he believes the vandalism was a single act that does not represent the feelings of the Japanese.

"The diary of Anne Frank represents to us a message of tolerance between people," he said.

Police established a task force this week to investigate the case.

Frank wrote her diary during the two years her family hid from the Nazis during World War II. She was 15 when she died in a concentration camp in 1945. Her father survived and published the diary, which has become the most widely read document to emerge from the Holocaust. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ripped copies of Anne Frank's Diary of a Young Girl and related books are shown at Shinjuku City Library in Tokyo on Feb. 21. KOJI UEDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli troops shoot and kill wanted Palestinian

Israeli troops trying to arrest a wanted Palestinian opened fire and killed him on Thursday after he refused to emerge from a house they had surrounded, the army and witnesses said.

The raid came on the same day that the rights group Amnesty International alleged in a report that Israeli soldiers have used unnecessary lethal force against Palestinian civilians in the West Bank and that it has found evidence of wilful killings that could amount to war crimes.

The Israeli military rejected the allegations by the London-based group, saying troops operate to contain Palestinian-initiated violence and are told to use live fire only as a last resort.

The raid in the West Bank town of Bir Zeit began at around 6 a.m., said area resident Munib Hamouri and other witnesses. Troops called on two brothers and one of their cousins from the Washaha family to give themselves up, the neighbour said.

Two of those sought by the army complied but the third, 24-year-old Moataz Washaha, remained in the building, according to Hamouri.

Troops demolished part of the outer wall of the house with a bulldozer and fired projectiles into the building, the witnesses said. Fire erupted in the house, they said. Several hours after the start of the standoff, Washaha's body was removed from the building.

A doctor at Ramallah Hospital said Washaha's head was split open after being struck by a projectile.

The army said the man killed Thursday was wanted for violent activity, but did not elaborate or give his name. It said soldiers opened fire after he ignored calls to emerge from the house and that an assault rifle was later found in the building.

Meanwhile, Amnesty said in its report that it documented the killing of 22 Palestinian civilians by Israeli troops in the West Bank last year, including 14 killed during protests.

The report said soldiers' lives did not appear to be in danger in any of the cases. It said troops acted with "near total impunity" and that a pattern of unlawful killings has emerged. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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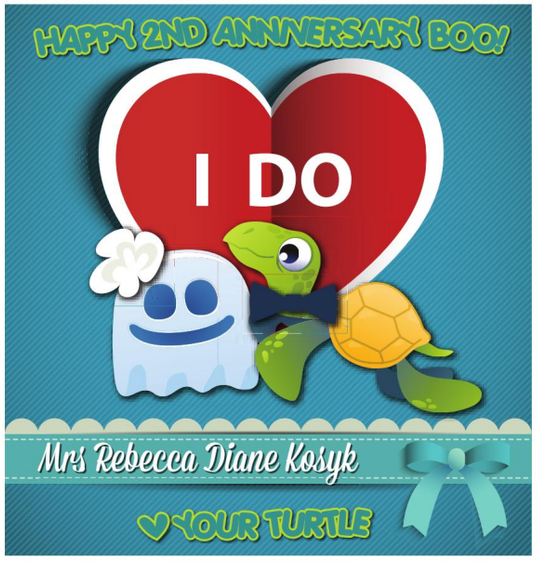
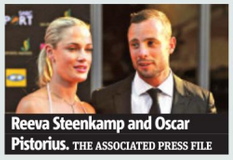


Locked iPhone

Apple may help investigators in Pistorius case


Reeva Steenkamp and Oscar Pistorius. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

South African prosecutors pressing a murder charge against Oscar Pistorius secured a meeting Thursday with Apple officials in the U.S. over accessing potentially crucial evidence on the double-amputee athlete's locked iPhone, they said. Pistorius claimed he forgot the password for the cellphone, one of a number found at his upscale villa after he shot dead girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp Feb. 14, 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Antipsychotics

Drug firms fight $1.2B award

A lawyer for Johnson & Johnson and a subsidiary told the Arkansas Supreme Court Thursday that the state improperly relied on federal regulations in a lawsuit that resulted in a $1.2 billion award over the companies' marketing of an antipsychotics drug, Risperdal.
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Cold War redux on the horizon?

An American classic car drives past the Russian warship the Viktor Leonov CCB-175, docked in Havana, Cuba, Thursday. The warship, one of Russia's Vishnya-class ships which are generally used for intelligence gathering, was docked in the harbour on Thursday, a day after the country's defence minister announced plans to expand Russia's worldwide military presence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No to wireless spectrum sale

Industry Minister James Moore has turned down the sale of 83 wireless spectrum licences by NextWave to a joint venture between Rogers Communications and Bell Canada.

The joint venture, Inukshuk Wireless, was formed to build and manage a Canada-wide wireless broadband network.

Moore said the proposed licence transfer would have led to unacceptable levels of concentration of spectrum in the hands of incumbent carriers.

"We will not approve any spectrum transfer request that results in excessive spectrum concentration for Canada's largest wireless companies, which negatively affects competition in the telecommunications sector," Moore said in a statement. Bell said it had planned on using the NextWave spectrum as part of its long-range LTE rollout in rural and remote areas.

"We'll adjust and foresee no impact on Bell's overall LTE expansion program," Bell spokesman Jacqueline Michelis said in an email. Rogers said the decision doesn't affect its plans to roll out 4G LTE to more customers in areas across the country.
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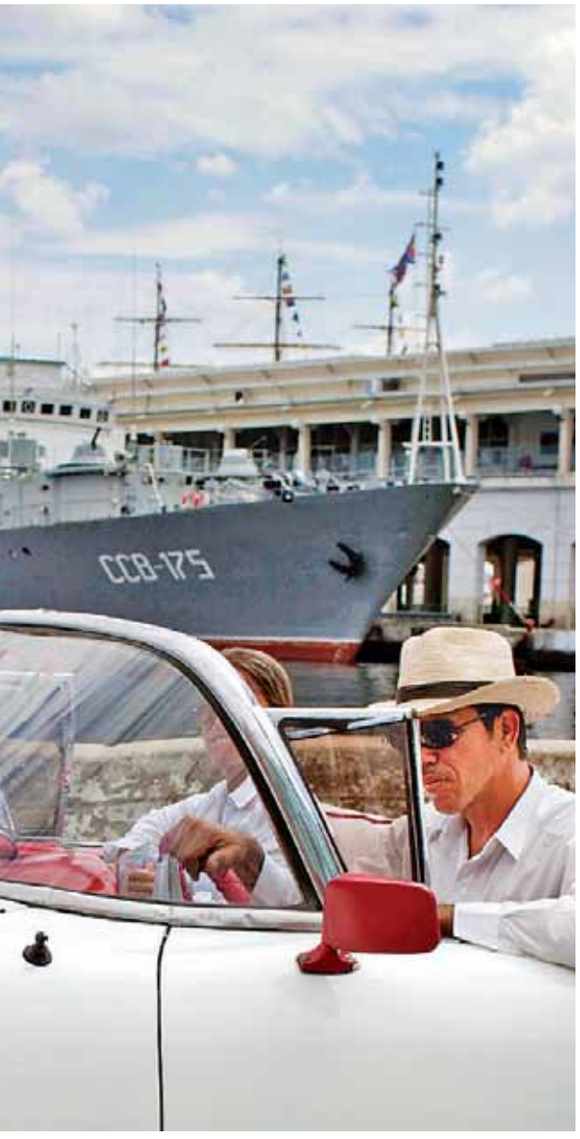

U.K. spied on webcams: NSA leaks

Report. Yahoo calls news British spy agency stole screenshots of intimate videos 'a whole new level of violation of users privacy' if true

Britain's signals intelligence division is stealing screenshots from hundreds of thousands of innocent Yahoo users' webcam videos, according to the Guardian newspaper, which also reported that the years-long operation has swept up a huge haul of intimate photographs.

The newspaper said GCHQ has been scooping up the sensitive images by intercepting video chats such as the kind offered by Yahoo Messenger, an effort codenamed OPTIC NERVE. It's not clear how many Yahoo users were spied on in this way. The Guardian said that in one six-month period in 2008, GCHQ intercepted the video communications of 1.8 million users, but it's possible that the program, which the Guardian says was still active in 2012, has either grown or shrunk in scope since then.

If the program expanded, millions more could have had their video communications intercepted. Yahoo Messenger had 75 million users worldwide in late 2011, according to an estimate by digital analytics company comScore, although numbers have fallen steadily since then.

The Guardian said the documents were provided by former U.S. intelligence worker Edward Snowden, who remains in Russia after having sought temporary asylum there.

If confirmed, the newspaper's report would represent "a whole new level of violation of our users' privacy," Yahoo Inc. said in a written statement. The Sunnyvale, California-based company said it was unaware of such snooping and would never condone it, calling on governments across the world to reform their surveillance practices.

Like the NSA's collection of millions of innocent people's phone, email, and credit card data, the webcam surveillance program was carried out in bulk, creating a massive database where the communications of hundreds of thousands of people could later be scanned by analysts for clues or patterns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OPTIC NERVE hits a nerve

1.8M

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Class. The 1% get more than mere curtains in air

Some of the most cherished new international first-class perks for fliers have nothing to do with meals, drinks or seats. Global airlines are increasingly rewarding wealthy fliers with something more intangible: physical distance between them and everyone else.

The idea is to provide an exclusive experience — inaccessible to the masses in coach. It's one way that a gap between the world's wealthiest one per cent and everyone else has widened.Many top-paying passengers, after plunking down about $15,000 US for a ticket, check in at secluded facilities and are driven in luxury cars directly to planes.

When Emirates Airline opened a new concourse in Dubai last year, it made sure to keep coach passengers separate from those in business and first class. The top floor of the building is for premium passengers with direct boarding to the upstairs of Emirates' fleet of double-decker Airbus A380s. Those in coach wait one storey below and board to the lower level of the plane. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1 Piers Morgan. Social media went nuts this week when it was announced CNN was ending Piers Morgan's show next month due to poor ratings. The majority seemed fully in support of the decision to axe the show. I for one find his interview style refreshing and transparent, and his ranting on gun control laws — while tiring to some — bang on. I say move Anderson Cooper into the 9 p.m. slot now.

2 #PinkShirtDay #StopBullying. People standing up to bullies — while wearing pink — was trending across Canada this week in a beautiful show of solidarity against bullying on Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday. Whether it's in the schoolyard, home, workplace or online, we all know someone who has been bullied. The more awareness (and action) on this social issue, the better.

3 Harold Ramis. The world of comedy lost a gem — his writing classics included Animal House and Groundhog Day — when he passed away at the age of 69, and online tributes flowed in. It's his co-starring role in the Ghostbuster movies he'll likely be most remembered for. Indeed, a Twitter picture showing a tribute to him outside the Ghostbusters firehouse in Tribeca (Twinkie included!) was shared all over the interwebs.

4 AC/DC symphony. It's perhaps the best mashup of classical music meets classic rock ever: Croatian string duo 2Cellos did an amazing cover of AC/DC's Thunderstruck, performed in full period setting. It has four million views on YouTube. I want more. I want the 2Cellos to do Stairway to Heaven, Bohemian Rhapsody, Sweet Child O'Mine and Smells Like Teen Spirit. Shake me all night long with that.

5 #WeAreSpring, please. #WeAreWinter was a fantastic, empowering promo for the Canadian Olympic team during the Winter Olympics but that's over (and we did amazing!), yet the frigid temperatures still remain. I can speak for everyone when I say we are kinda getting sick of shovelling. So I propose it's time to bring out a #WeAreSpring campaign where we encourage Mother Nature to show us some heat! Bring it with that hashtag.

6 Coldplay. With no context, Coldplay released an eerie, frosty, dark new video titled Midnight this week that felt more like a Radiohead song. But dropping stuff with zero context is the new I'm-going-to-build-so-much-hype-behind-this-product-before-it's-released-you-won't-believe-it! So it makes total sense, actually.

7 Anchorman 2. On Feb. 28, Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues is being re-released in theatres for one week only with 763 new jokes. A movie that had so much improvisation had plenty to choose from and these new ones have risen from the cutting room floor. So now, watch out on social media as movie-goers tweet out their fave new Ron Burgundy lines.

8 Oscars. With the 86th Academy Awards Sunday night, the biggest social media action will be on what returning host Ellen has to say in her opening monologue, and what the stars are wearing on the red carpet. The actual awards are secondary — though if Barkhad Abdi from Captain Phillips doesn't win best actor in a supporting role, I'll be kicking up a Twitter storm.

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ZOOM

Batman stars in new toy story

COURTESY FREYA JOBBINS

Dark Knight's head made of recyclables

It looks like Batman has gone all soft – he's made out of toys. Sculptor Freya Jobbins created this bust of the Caped Crusader using old figurines, with a baby doll belly as his chin. "My work explores the relationship between consumerist fetishism and the emerging recycling culture within the visual arts," says Jobbins. METRO

Artist's viewpoint

"I begin my work by finding toys in second-hand shops and recycling centres. As I build a base layer of toys and doll parts, the persona of the bust starts to evolve." Freya Jobbins

So many items

- "I love the actual process of hunting for the discarded toys, but to find so many of them unwanted, still in perfectly good condition, really shocks me," Jobbins said.

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Seth Rogen and his partner-in-crime Evan Goldberg's next announced project is a movie version of Console Wars, an upcoming book about the knock-down, drag-out brawl between Sega and Nintendo of the '90s. But there's no need to wait for either to refresh your memories of a pixelated rivalry.

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Nesbox:

Brush up on the Nintendo side of the war by browsing through a playable library of NES and SNES games that is hundreds deep. Classic RPGs, beat-em-up brawlers and patience-grinding platformers. Not to mention the mighty and beloved Earthbound. (nesbox.com)

Ssega:

Look, fan boys. It's quite easy to love the offerings of both companies. There's no need for rival camps. However, as you're working your way through proven classics like Aladdin, Beyond Oasis and Sonic Spinball (that's right, Spinball), you'll find we can all agree that most of the music was terrible. (ssega.com)

The Console Wars:

If the games themselves cause your eyes to glaze over, there's still a magnificent yarn full of insider intrigue, corporate betrayal and tumbles from the throne. The full book is a few weeks away from release, but Exposé has a pretty great primer that may pique your interest. (xmedia.ex.ac.uk)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: The Oscars are this Sunday! If you created an Oscars category that you would win, what would it be called?

@Frank_Mag: Category; "Best Actor/Actress who only has one line in a movie award" best delivery of said line wins obviously.

@MomAndDadFight: and the oscar for best new oscar category goes to Ben Whitaker for his work on best new oscar category

@GeorginaBencsik: Best #style

@VickiEssex: Best Monologue Delivered with a Mouth Full of Food. #oscarcategories

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Synopsis

Liam Neeson joins the mile-high club in Non-Stop. He plays Bill Marks, an aging U.S. federal air marshal safe-guarding the 150 passengers, including Julianne Moore, Corey Stoll, Linus Roache and flight attendant Lupita Nyong'o, on an international flight from New York to London. He's also a burn-out, a lonely guy with a loaded gun and a propensity to get loaded on booze. The routine flight becomes fraught with danger when he receives text messages from a mysterious source threatening to kill a passenger every 20 minutes unless a ransom of $150 million is deposited into a bank account. When that account is discovered to be in Marks's name, he's accused of being a hijacker.

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Liam Neeson takes his tough guy act in the air in Non-Stop. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Just plane outrageous

Non-Stop. Liam Neeson's acting is the only thing that saves this from a crash landing

Richard: Mark, Non-Stop has more red herrings than a fish and chips shop. Clues are dropped and discarded and the plot is so ludicrous that every now and again someone has to say, "I can explain this," so the audience has a fighting chance of making some kind of sense of the intrigue. The story is simple but is muddied by outrageous twists. Once I decided to not try and play along — this isn't True Detective where every word and scene counts — I enjoyed watching Neeson in action man mode. He's better than the movie and he made this movie better simply by showing up.

Mark: Richard, I liked the movie in spite of itself. I did play along right to the end, and enjoyed the ride. But it's this Agatha Christie-like cheesiness that keeps threatening to sink the picture. And the answer to the movie's riddle was far from satisfying. It felt tacked on and graceless. Neeson is great, but he's getting so old for this sort of thing. Soon he's going to have to chase after the bad guys with a walker.

RC: You wouldn't say that if he was after you! Walker or no walker, the old boy has some life in him yet. There is a certain cheesy joy to be found in the image of Neeson floating in zero gravity, grabbing a gun out of the air and getting business done. He has carved a unique action niche for himself and seems to be having fun growling and gunning his way through trashy action movies.

MB: And what about Julianne Moore? What's her excuse? Mortgage payments? She was actually the one passenger I didn't believe in for a moment. I kept thinking, "Why is Julianne Moore in this picture?' And like everyone else, she gets to do an emotional speech that proves she couldn't be the villain. Which, of course, may or may not be the case. I know you liked Neeson's zero gravity gun grab, but I also liked his fist fight in the airplane lavatory. Shot in such close quarters, it was very exciting.

RC: I hope Moore buys something nice with the pay cheque. She gets the job done, but that part could have been played by anyone. I feel bad for Lupita Nyong'o. She's an Oscar nominee for 12 Years a Slave, but here she's reduced to a Grace Jones impersonator with just a few lines.

MB: Weirdly, I did not feel very emotionally involved with the movie. Maybe because so much of the plot depends on texting, or maybe because the characters keep yammering on, Non-Stop, about their backstory.

Notice of Hearing for Permanent Guardianship Order To

Jason Russell

Take notice that on the **14th day of March, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta**, a hearing will take place.

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The end of the annual film calendar is nearly upon us, with the 86th Academy Awards set for Sunday evening on CTV and CTV.ca. Here's a sample of what to expect on Hollywood's biggest night.

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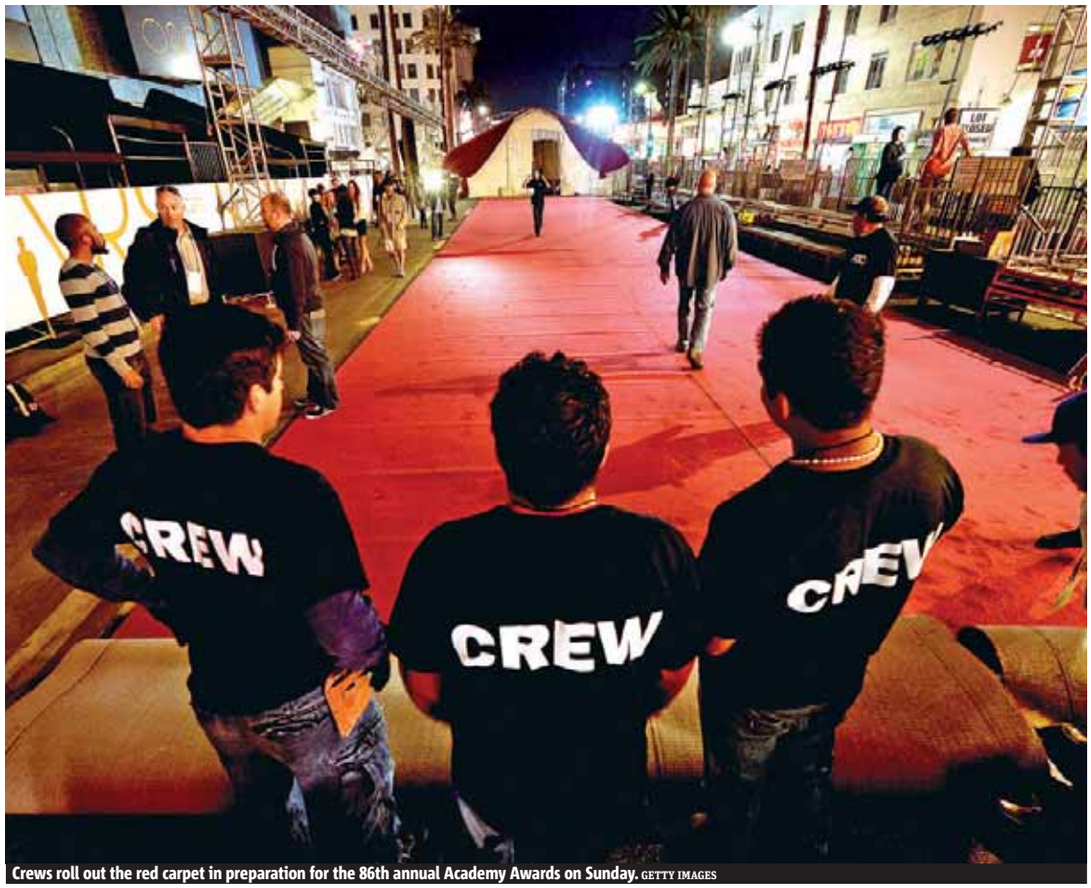
Metro World News in Hollywood

Did you know

- Meryl Streep's nod for best actress in August: Osage County marks her 18th Oscar nomination, breaking the record for most nominations earned by an actor or actress, previously held by ... Meryl Streep.
- If Jennifer Lawrence wins for best supporting actress in American Hustle she'll become the youngest person to win two acting Oscars. She'd also be the first actress to win back-to-back awards in different categories and with the same director.
- This year marks only the second time that Pixar has released a film (Monsters University) that hasn't earned a best animated picture nomination. The first was 2011's Cars 2.
- Best actor nominee Leonardo DiCaprio and best actress nominee Amy Adams are currently tied at five career nominations and zero wins each.
- With his nomination for The Book Thief's soundtrack, John Williams extends his ridiculous lead as the living person with the most Oscar nods, at 49. If you factor in the deceased, he's catching up to 60-time nominee Walt Disney.
- Frozen composer Bobby Lopez, one of the songwriters nominated for best song favourite Let It Go, would become the 12th person in show business history to achieve the EGOT — winning an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony.
- Ellen DeGeneres reprises her role as the ceremony's host, following her last turn at the gig in 2007. She's got a long way to go to get into the record books though, as Bob Hope holds the lead with 19 hosting appearances.



Crews roll out the red carpet in preparation for the 86th annual Academy Awards on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Your guide to the Oscars

86th Academy Awards. Here's what to look out for during Sunday's ceremony, hosted by Ellen DeGeneres

Returning producers Neil Meron and Craig Zadan say the theme for this year's Oscars is a salute to heroes and heroines of all stripes, celebrating everything from Norma Rae and Captain Phillips to Harry Potter and the Ghostbusters. There will also be a segment celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Wizard of Oz.

Music will be a big part of the ceremony, which is great considering so many big names are nominated in the best song category and performances of the nominated songs were skipped altogether in 2010 and 2012.

U2 (Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom), Pharrell Williams (Despicable Me 2), Karen O (Her) and Idina Menzel (Frozen) will all take the stage, as will Pink and Bette Midler for other performances.

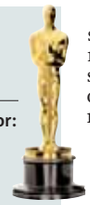
But host DeGeneres has already insisted that she herself won't be singing, unlike last year's host, Seth MacFarlane.

With 46 famous faces presenting over the course of the night, it's going to be a busy stage. Presenters include previous winners like Jennifer Lawrence, Christoph Waltz, Kevin Spacey and Angelina Jolie, plus popular names like Zac Efron, Channing Tatum and Kristen Bell. One we're definitely excited about is Vertigo star Kim Novak, making a rare public appearance at the ceremony.

This marks the 13th year the Oscars have been presented in the same venue, though the name has changed. What was the Kodak Theatre up until 2011 is now known as the Dolby Theatre.

And if the ceremony feels long, just be thankful it's not 2000 anymore. That year, the proceedings clocked in at a whopping four hours and four minutes, while they generally average around three-and-a-half hours long. The first Oscars in 1929, by the way, lasted 15 minutes. If only.

Last-minute predictions



We're going ahead and calling most of the races all locked up, but there is still room for surprises. Best supporting actress and best picture seem particularly hard to pin down. But we're pinning them down anyway! If you win your office pool with this, we get a cut, OK?

- **Best Picture:** 12 Years a Slave
- **Best Director:** Alfonso Cuarón, Gravity
- **Best Actor:** Matthew McConaughey, Dallas Buyers Club
- **Best Actress:** Cate Blanchett, Blue Jasmine
- **Best Supporting Actor:** Jared Leto, Dallas Buyers Club
- **Best Supporting Actress:** Lupita Nyong'o, 12 Years a Slave
- **Best Original Screenplay:** Spike Jonze, Her
- **Best Adapted Screenplay:** John Ridley, 12 Years a Slave
- **Best Cinematography:** Gravity
- **Best Original Score:** Steven Price, Gravity

A few good reads

The books behind the films

If you're looking for some good reading material, the Academy's best adapted screenplay category is a good place to start, but you'll be searching bookstores in vain for the book behind Before Midnight. The screenplay for the movie is an adaptation because it's based on the characters from previous films Before Sunrise and Before Sunset. Still, you can always cozy up with these:

• A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs and Dangerous Days at Sea, the book by Richard Phillips (with co-writer Stephan Talty) became Captain Phillips, with Tom Hanks stepping in to portray Phillips' hijacking by Somali pirates.

• The Lost Child of Philomena Lee by Martin Sixsmith obviously became Philomena, starring Dame Judi Dench as Lee and Steve Coogan as former BBC presenter Sixsmith.

• 12 Years a Slave, the harrowing 1853 memoir of Solomon Northup, was originally published with the subtitle "Narrative of Solomon Northup, citizen of New York, kidnapped in Washington city in 1841, rescued in 1853 from a cotton plantation near the Red River in Louisiana," which, honestly, is a total spoiler.

• Reading Jordan Belfort's own accounts of his exploits in the memoir The Wolf of Wall Street might help illuminate why the film's chronicle of bad behavior seemed so infatuated with its subject, who earned a tidy $1 million for the movie rights.

• Over in the best documentary category, you can pick up Jeremy Scahill's Dirty Wars: The World is a Battlefield if you want to learn more about the nominated film Dirty Wars.

And the Oscar for best cocktail goes to ...

It's an unusually crowded field for this year's best picture contest, but thankfully our vice isn't gambling. Instead, we raise a glass to three of our favourite 2013 nominees. Serve these and everyone goes home a winner!

TEXT BY JOE HOWELL, PHOTOGRAPHY BY JOANNA BALCERAK

I'm the Captain Now

- 1 oz Captain Morgan Dark Rum
- 1 oz Sailor Jerry Spiced Navy Rum
- 4 oz ginger beer
- 3 lime wedges
- 2 dashes Angostura Bitters

Build in a Collins glass with ice.

We salute Captain Phillips with this take on a seaworthy classic, the Dark 'n' Stormy. Originally just rum and ginger beer, the drink hails from the heyday of the Royal Navy, when sailors got a daily ration of rum and the Navy opened a ginger beer plant in Bermuda, purportedly to wean those same sailors off the hard stuff. Of course, the scallywags just combined the two instead. Here, the legendary pirate Morgan and the venerable skipper Jerry fight for control of this tempestuous libation.

The Russian Satellite

- 1.5 oz Stolichnaya Vodka
- .75 oz Kahlúa
- .25 oz pure lemon juice
- 2 dashes Bittermens Xocolatl Mole Bitters
- 1 dash Fernet Branca
- White tapioca pearls

Shake and strain into a brandy snifter, pack with ice, and scatter pearls on top.

The famous Black Russian — simply vodka and Kahlúa — is older than the space station Mir before they finally decommissioned the space wreck. In this twist we hail Gravity: the cocktail is still sweet and likeable, but thanks to the lemon and Fernet has a bit of edge, like George Clooney in pretty much all his roles. As the tapioca pearls slowly drift toward the bottom of this inky drink (due to, you know, gravitation) they resemble little stars.

The Bamboozeler

- 1.5 oz pineapple juice
- 1 oz coconut cream
- .75 oz Appleton VX
- .75 oz Malibu Rum
- 75 oz Blue Curaçao
- .50 oz lime juice

Shake hard with ice and strain into a stemmed martini glass. Garnish with a homemade cocktail umbrella.

"I don't care, I break the rules," says Bradley Cooper in American Hustle. With its neon hue and garish garnish, this libation definitely disregards modern cocktail conventions. But in the era of Hustle, sexy, gaudy drinks were de rigueur. And just like Christian Bale in this caper, the concoction might look harmlessly ludicrous—but it'll take you for a ride.

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Look picture-perfect on the red carpet

Life as an A-list actress. From finding the right dress to erasing wrinkles and losing those extra pounds, getting Oscar-ready is a months-long affair

JOHN MACKAY
For Metro Canada

Puffiness! Breakouts! Bulges! If these are the nightmares that A-list actresses have on the nights leading up to the Oscars, they can be forgiven. They're only going to be seen by ... oh ... several hundred million people in 225 countries. No surprise that weeks, if not months, go into getting Oscar ready. Here's how it happens.

First, amass the troops. Have wardrobe stylist, tailor, hair stylist, makeup artist, dermatologist, aesthetician, nutritionist, personal trainer, massage therapist, manicurist and, since this is Hollywood, psychotherapist, scheduled and at the ready.

"The prepping can start months before the awards," says celebrity hair and makeup artist Sheri Stroh. "They'll get rolling with a diet and exercise protocol and meet with their stylist, who starts looking for the perfect dress."

Dermatologists and aestheticians, always on speed dial, come next, to perfect skin that's likely near perfect to begin with. But there's collagen to stimulate, pores to shrink and wrinkles to erase. Microdermabrasion, oxygen facials, LED light treatments and more — those high-definition cameras are merciless. And your Botox can always use a top-up.

Two weeks prior, get your hair cut and coloured. And how's your dress coming along? "It has to be the perfect dress that defines the celebrity's style," explains L.A. stylist Alissia Marciano.

By now you've picked out your dress — and your backup dress — and you've had more than one fitting. "Remember," Marciano says, "it has to fit you like a glove." Time to begin your juice fast. And schedule your spray tan.

The day's arrived, but don't worry, this is the easy part. Already carb-free and as cleansed, toned and taut as those three months of daily workouts will allow, do a little yoga to relax and then greet your team at the door. Try on your dress one last time. The tailor will cut and reshape it and can always sew you into the dress if need be.

While security men deliver the diamonds, let your hair stylist, makeup artist and manicurist get to work.

What to eat today? Nothing! Well, maybe a little bowl of detox soup, but please, no salt or caffeine, you don't want to bloat — there's only so much Spanx can do.

Finally, it's 4:30 p.m. in L.A. and your car is here. You're dressed, accessorized and made up, waiting while your stylist scrapes the bottom of your shoes with a knife — those red carpets can be slippery.

Get into the car oh-so-carefully and sit very still on your drive to Hollywood's Dolby Theatre. But relax! You'll be on and off that 500 feet of red carpet before you know it.

Actress Amy Adams on the red carpet at last year's Academy Awards. GETTY IMAGES

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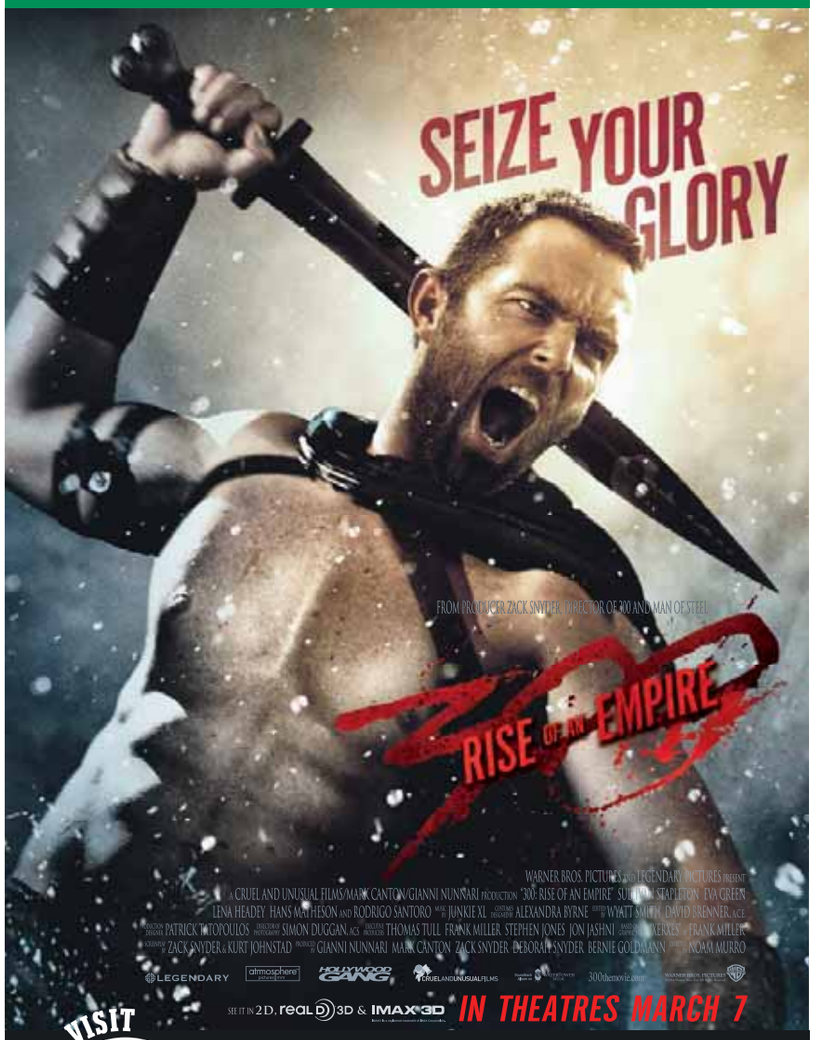

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From lions to dogs

Mr. Peabody & Sherman hits theatres next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Mr. Peabody & Sherman. Rob Minkoff brings back a beagle he loved as a child and makes a smart, funny film in the process

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Rob Minkoff may always be best known as the co-director of The Lion King, one of the biggest animated hits of all time, but long before he brought Simba, Mufasa and Scar to life, he was a fan of a dog named Mr. Peabody.

Mr. Peabody is a beagle in the world of humans — imagine Family Guy's Brian with less attitude but more PhDs. He's a Harvard grad, a Nobel Prize winner, advisor to heads of state and in his spare time he invented planking and auto tune.

With his adopted human son Sherman, he's also a time traveller, taking the WABAC machine — "It's not WHERE we're going, but WHEN!" — to various spots in history in a weekly segment on the show Rocky and His Friends called Peabody's Improbable History.

"Whenever it came on, I would watch it," says Minkoff, director of the new animated film Mr. Peabody & Sherman, "so I've seen all the episodes multiple times.

"I was always a fan but I don't recall thinking, 'Oh, that would make a great movie one day.' It didn't occur to me that way. It all started 12 years ago with a conversation I had with (executive producer) Jason Clark. He came to me and said, 'What do you think of Mr. Peabody and Sherman?' My answer was, 'I love them.' He said, 'What about making a movie out of them.' I thought, 'They're great characters. There's a lot to them. There is an unexplored well of stuff, like the time machine and time travel.'"

That was 12 years ago. "Once you get your teeth into something creatively," he says, "you never really let go."

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com.

Ratings: *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:* +

Drama

Stalingrad

Director. Fedor Bondarchuk

Stars. Thomas Kretschmann, Yanina Studilina

Stalingrad is an epic look at the battle that turned the tide of the Second World War. A band of determined Russian soldiers fight to hold a strategic building in their devastated city against a ruthless German army, and in the process become deeply connected to two Russian women who have been living there. Presented in IMAX 3D, the scale of the battle contrasts dramatically with the human drama.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 46% **Audience:** + 95%

Drama/Comedy

The Great Beauty

Director. Paolo Sorrentino

Stars. Toni Servillo, Carlo Verdone

Journalist Jep Gambardella (the dazzling Toni Servillo, Il divo and Gomorrah) has charmed and seduced his way through the lavish nightlife of Rome for decades. Since the legendary success of his one and only novel, he has been a permanent fixture in the city's literary and social circles, but when his sixty-fifth birthday coincides with a shock from the past, Jep finds himself unexpectedly taking stock of his life.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 92% **Audience:** 80%

Animation

The Wind Rises

Director. Hayao Miyazaki

Stars. Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Jirou dreams of flying airplanes, but because he's nearsighted he's unable to become a pilot. Instead he becomes an engineer in the aircraft division of a major Japanese company, where his genius is soon recognized. Historic events and the happenings in his life are inextricably linked.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 83% **Audience:** + 92%

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Captain Phillips (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50
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Gravity (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:05
Her (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-6:50-9:50
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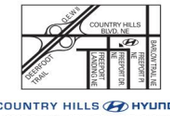

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Haiti to Hollywood.
Worlds clash for Arcade Fire as band prepares for 'mind blow' at the Oscars

Arcade Fire is heading to Los Angeles in time for the Academy Awards, where band member Will Butler and frequent Arcade Fire collaborator Owen Pallett will be up for a best original score Oscar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Win and Will Butler of Arcade Fire aren't your average brothers.

Sure, they spent their youngest years at odds, as brothers will. But early on they discovered something that would inform the rest of their lives as creative partners at the heart of one of rock 'n' roll's most creative and single-minded bands.

"I left the house when I was 15 to go to boarding school and would come back in the summers, and I started to realize he's the only person I related to in the whole everywhere," Win Butler, 33, said. "There's not too many people in the world where you literally have the exact same influences, so we kind of developed this language to work together where it's really easy."

"That doesn't mean we see everything identically," Will Butler, 31, said. "But it means that, certainly in artistic endeavours, there's a bit more empathy and compassion for each other because we see where they're coming from. And we tend to agree more than two random musicians would."

That relationship is at the heart of Arcade Fire's success and creativity, something that is on full display this week as the Grammy Award-winning group flies from one end of the continent to the other, and back. In the space of three weeks, Arcade Fire members will have played in a Mardi Gras parade while in New Orleans, played The Tonight Show, performed in Haiti, and then returned home to Montreal for two days to pack for a trip to Los Angeles and the Academy Awards, where Will Butler is up for best original score for his work with Owen Pallett on Her.

"Normally when I come back from Haiti, I just look at all the power lines and streets and road signs and I'm just, 'Wow, look at all this infrastructure,'" Win Butler said. "I'm kind of in a daze the first couple of days when I get back to North America. But going from Haiti to the belly of the beast (at the Oscars) is going to be something of a mind blow."

After the show, the group flies directly to Louisville, Ky., for rehearsals and the launch of a summer-long North American tour, interspersed with European festival dates. Add to the hectic mix the birth of a son to Win Butler and his wife and bandmate Régine Chassagne.

The intense workload since the six-piece began recording Reflektor last year has required the kind of teamwork the brothers and their band have perfected since Will and Win began writing songs together growing up near Houston.

The band worked on Reflektor, the follow-up to the 2010 Grammy album of the year The Suburbs, and Spike Jonze's best-picture-nominated film in parallel fashion. The album even contains a song proposed for the score that didn't make the film. They recorded Reflektor with James Murphy of LCD Soundsystem and Markus Dravs serving as producers, delivering an unpredictable but completely danceable record full of Haitian-influenced rhythms and reflective lyrics.

As both projects came to a simultaneous conclusion, Will Butler took over supervisory duties on the score, working with Jonze and the band's frequent collaborator Owen Pallett. In one case the band was working together toward a shared vision. In the other, they were a contractor trying to match Jonze's needs.

"So that was very, very different," Will Butler said. "There's a lot less drums and a lot less vocals on the soundtrack. And our band is very good at drums and vocals."

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Making arrangements for Her

Composer settles score

The morning Owen Pallett woke up to find out he was an Academy Award nominee, he felt thousands of miles away from the rigorous glamour of Hollywood's biggest night.

In one sense it was literal, as the Toronto native was across the world in New Zealand on tour with Arcade Fire. Pallett earned the nomination alongside the band's Will Butler for their work on the chilly, elliptical score to Spike Jonze's Her. But also, after a convivial evening of drinks with the band, Pallett sure didn't feel spotlight-ready.

"I kind of woke up with a touch of a hangover," he said with a laugh in a recent telephone interview.

Pallett says the honour feels "really good" and, surprisingly for the eloquent composer, he struggles to go much further than that. It's a "complicated feeling," he says.

Perhaps that's because he wasn't supposed to work on the score in the first place. Pallett says that Arcade Fire — the Montreal Grammy winners whose string arrangements Pallett has handled since their first record, Funeral — had been labouring over a score for about a year without his involvement.

His exclusion had been simply situational. He was in Toronto while the rest of the band was in Montreal. So when he came to Quebec to help the band craft its fourth album, Reflektor, he got involved in the music for Her as well.

"A lot of it was interpreting what Spike wanted and translating it into music," he said. "I can't really stress enough just how collaborative the whole process was."

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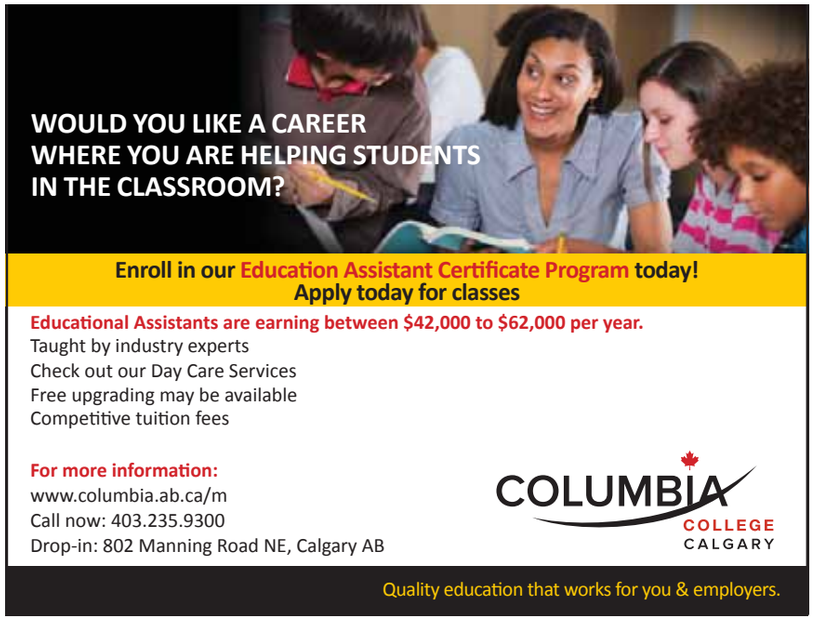

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Pinkman's return? Paul wants in for Breaking Bad spin-off Better Call Saul

If Aaron Paul gets his way, Breaking Bad fans can expect to see Jesse Pinkman calling on Saul Goodman — and perhaps calling him some names — in the spinoff series centred on the sleazy lawyer.

Paul says he'd had "serious talks" with Better Call Saul co-creator Vince Gilligan about returning to his character, who was a low-level drug dealer before he linked up with Bryan Cranston's Walter White to produce methamphetamine.

"Anything Vince is involved with, I'm there," Paul said in an interview while promoting the upcoming Need For Speed movie. "I owe him my entire career. And the idea of jumping into the skin of Jesse Pinkman again in his lighter days, because it's all a prequel, it would be fun."

The Emmy-winning Breaking Bad ended last year after five seasons. Gilligan told reporters last month that he'd be asking its actors to make cameos in Better Call Saul, which will star Bob Odenkirk and is set to premiere in November on AMC.

Aaron Paul, right, and Vince Gilligan may be teaming up again. INVISION

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"I owe him my entire career."

Aaron Paul, actor
On Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan

It's unclear if Cranston will make an appearance. One actor who definitely won't be involved is Dean Norris, who played White's DEA agent brother-in-law Hank Schrader. Norris is starring in the series Under the Dome, set to premiere its second season on CBS this summer.

"I don't think they'll let me do a little cable show," he said in an interview this week while promoting the film Small Time. "I think that experience was that experience. I'm not a big fan of kind of revisiting something that has already been done. But I think it's going to be awesome. So I can't wait to see it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian Screen Awards

Cronenberg to be honoured with lifetime award

Jessica Pare, Jay Baruchel and Serena Ryder are among the homegrown celebrities set to appear as presenters at the Canadian Screen Awards. CBC-TV says Baruchel will be part of the tribute to filmmaker David Cronenberg for the director's lifetime achievement award. Baruchel co-starred in Cronenberg's 2012 drama Cosmopolis. The award itself will be presented by Cronenberg's long-time collaborator, actor Viggo Mortensen. The Canadian Screen Awards, airing March 9, celebrate the best in Canadian film, television and digital media. The cloning saga Orphan Black leads the TV nominees while Denis Villeneuve's surreal mind-bender Enemy tops the film contenders. Actor Martin Short will again be host the awards. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Norma Bates' family may be troubled, but Vera Farmiga is doing just fine

Vera Farmiga, of Bates Motel, with Freddie Highmore, who plays her son on the show. MATT SAYLES/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Bates Motel. Farmiga dishes on season two, Freddie Highmore and her children

In the television show Bates Motel, Vera Farmiga's character has a dysfunctional relationship with her future serial killer son Norman, played by Freddie Highmore. In reality, Farmiga says, she and Highmore share a much healthier bond: He's even her child's godfather.

Farmiga said Highmore immediately bonded with five-year-old Fynn in Vancouver, where Bates Motel is filmed and Farmiga and her family moved for the duration of the series. The Oscar-nominated actress said Highmore, whose family is in London, has become something of a surrogate son himself, playing swords and Legos with Fynn on the weekends.

Farmiga, who also has a three-year-old daughter with her husband, musician Renn Hawkey, said Highmore has become such a fixture in Fynn's life that she and her husband decided it's "a relationship that deserves the title."

On screen, though, the relationship will not go as smoothly between Farmiga's character, Norma Bates, and her son in season two of A&E's modern-day Psycho prequel. Farmiga says Norma seems optimistic at the start of the season despite the violent and deadly encounters of season one, her reveal that she was sexually abused as a child and the question of whether Norman murdered his high school teacher.

"At the beginning of season two, she thinks she's got her neuroses under control," Farmiga said in a recent interview.

Norma is also open to romance again, with Michael Vartan (Alias) joining the show as her love interest.

Norma, the actress said, doesn't think she has any choice but to persevere.

"You're a single mother of this child that you feel is potentially unraveling," she said of Norman, who maintains his newfound interest in taxidermy in the hotel basement.

Anyone familiar with Psycho knows this is a story that doesn't end well, and Farmiga said despite Norma's attempt to put a positive spin on their lives, the situation quickly worsens. Farmiga said the teacher's death "is a big source of this orientation and terror for Norman, which in turn Norma will try to sort of solve."

And despite an upturn in business at the Bates Motel, work begins on that pesky bypass road that threatens to divert traffic away and Farmiga noted that "there's still a stigma attached to the property."

Ever the optimist, Norma sets out to change people's minds and that means going into the community, and, Farmiga said, "That's going to be challenging for Norma."

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Season two

The second season of Bates Motel premieres Monday at 9 EST on A&E.

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Girls star Driver tipped to play new Stars Wars VII villain

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Some days, it's good to have a face like a handsome alien. Adam Driver, the Girls star who looks like the love child of sexy and weird, is putting those unconventional good looks to excellent use: He's close to signing a deal to play a villain in the upcoming Star Wars: Episode VII, according to Variety. Sources say his character will be in the vein of Darth Vader.

Apparently, the only hold-up was his Girls shooting schedule, but surely Hannah and Marnie's Brooklynite fretting is no match for the power of the Force. Although breathless casting rumours have swirled around just about every Hollywood male since the J.J. Abrams-directed reboot was announced, nothing has been confirmed yet, including for Driver — not by the Star Wars people, anyhow. Driver's co-star and boss Lena Dunham seems pretty sure he's got the job.

"We're VERY proud of Adam Driver re: Star Wars. He's about to rip a hole in da force. Is that a thing? I guess I should see those movies?" she tweeted on Feb. 26.

OK, maybe she's not totally sure, because she followed that up with a second tweet: "I confirm nothing bc I know nothing bc I'm on a plane with my dad! I just like Adam more than almost anyone, and JJ Abrams a whole lot too."

It's a good week for the Girls gang: another one of Driver's co-stars, Allison Williams, just got engaged to boyfriend Ricky Van Veen, who is a co-founder of the comedy website CollegeHumor.

No Patton the back for Thicke after MTV grind

There was plenty of outrage about Robin Thicke and Miley Cyrus' aggressively sexual routine at the MTV Video Music Awards back in August, and apparently Paula Patton was among those put off by the grinding and gyrating.

A source tells Us Weekly that the risqué performance left Patton feeling "utterly disrespected" and was a key factor in her decision to separate from Thicke after nine years of marriage. In fact, the pair reportedly got into a screaming match over the stunt.

Paula Patton

Rihanna ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Rihanna's flirty ways keep Drake and Brown guessing — and love triangle intact

Everything old is new again, including the R&B love triangle that is Rihanna, Drake and Chris Brown. Rihanna recently enjoyed a Paris outing with the Canadian rapper, who traded blows with Brown at a New York club in 2012 over what was said to be an argument about her. And Rihanna has reportedly been exchanging text messages with ex-boyfriend Brown, who is still on probation for assaulting her five years ago, according to the NY Post. "Chris started texting Rihanna on her birthday (on Feb. 20), and the two have been sending each other a flurry of texts ever since," a source says. "Friends are freaked out that she's going to start dating him again."

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The best wine goes to...

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For the first time in years I can say I've seen most of the movies nominated for the Best Picture Oscar. Sadly, not one of them speaks to the wine community.

It looks like I'll have to wait until The Billionaire's Vinegar, the story of the world's most expensive bottle of wine, hits theatres. Brad Pitt is set to star.

If you're wondering what my favourite wine movies are, here are my top picks:

Sideways: The brilliant Academy Award winner that made pinot noir a superstar.

Bottle Shock: Upstart Americans take on the French in a sniff, swirl and spit contest that ... well, I won't ruin the ending.

A Good Year: Russell Crowe inherits a French winery in Provence and his ego gets crushed just like his grapes.

Somm: A doc that will have you shedding a tear at the trials and tribulations of becoming a sommelier.

For me, the Oscars are an appetizer event and the refreshing varietal fruit of the Fat Bastard 2012 Chardonnay ($13.46 - $15.99) makes for a food-friendly date to the big show. **PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Nothing cures the winter blues like comfort food. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how, with a hearty slow-roasted lamb recipe from her cookbook Fast, Fresh, Simple.

Fancy with ease: Slow-Cooked Balsamic and Garlic Lamb

This recipe serves four. DONNA HAY

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Donna Hay
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1. Preheat oven to 140 C (275 F). Place the lamb, vinegar, stock, rosemary, garlic and sugar in a deep baking dish and cover with a tight-fitting lid. Bake for 3 hours.

2. Turn lamb and bake further 2 hours. Remove the lid, increase temperature to 180 C (350 F) and bake for 30 minutes or until the lamb has browned.

Ingredients

- 1 kg lamb shoulder, on the bone
- 1 1/3 cups (310 ml) balsamic vinegar
- 3 cups (750 ml) chicken stock
- 6 sprigs rosemary
- 8 cloves garlic
- 2 tbsp brown sugar

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Australian chef Donna Hay is one of the great culinary masters airing on GustoTV. One of Canada's newest TV channels, Gusto features cooking and culinary travel shows each night, hosted by chefs and foodies from around the world, as well as here at home. For more details, check your local listings or visit gustotv.com.

3. Remove lamb from pan and keep warm. Pour pan juices over a bowl of ice and quickly remove the ice and the solidified fat with a slotted spoon. Place the pan juices into a small saucepan and bring to the boil.

4. Serve lamb with crispy roasted potatoes, steamed greens and pan juices. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE MONDAY TO THURSDAY AT 6 P.M. EST ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

Dessert

Standby Brownies

- 150 g butter
- 1 1/4 cups (275 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 3/4 cup (75 g) cocoa
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup (75 g) plain (all-purpose) flour

Preheat oven to 160 C (325 F).

Place the butter, sugar and cocoa in a saucepan over low heat and stir until the butter has melted. Spoon into a bowl and add the vanilla and eggs, whisking well.

Sift the flour over the mixture and whisk to combine.

Spoon the mixture into a 20 cm-square cake tin lined with non-stick baking paper.

Bake for 30–35 minutes or until centre is just set. Cool in tin and cut into squares to serve. Makes 16. **DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM**

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HOW TO SAFEGUARD YOUR FAMILY

Sneezes, sniffles, or coughing fits can put a serious wrench into daily life.

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BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM

A healthy immune system is the best protection against cold and flu season. Keep your family's natural defences strong with these simple tactics:

• Avoid stress. Studies show that stress hampers your ability to stay healthy, especially during cold and flu season, so anything you can do to combat stress helps fight germs. Try taking a mini meditation break during the day — simply close your eyes and focus on breathing in and out for a few minutes.

• Get plenty of sleep. When you consistently log eight hours of sleep a night, your body has the chance to repair cells and build up your immune system.

• Eat right and exercise. Stock up on fruits and vegetables to give your body the nutrients it needs. Also, shoot for 30 minutes of moderate activity at least three times a week.

• Get a flu shot. Think of it as your secret weapon during flu season. It's approved for almost everyone older than 6six months. Consult your doctor to see if the whole family should be vaccinated.

FIGHT GERMS

When you keep germs away during cold and flu season, you can lower your odds of getting sick. Try these simple habits to help avoid stuffy noses and sore throats:

• Wash your hands. And talk to your children about why it's important to wash theirs. A typical hand washing — before a meal, after going to the bathroom, or anytime you cough, sneeze, or blow your nose — should last 20 seconds. It's roughly the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice in your head.

• Bring backup. Try sticking a bottle of hand sanitizer in your purse to fight germs when you are on the go.

• Clean your desk. It's a hot spot for germs at the office. Invest in some disinfectant wipes and clean your desk, keyboard, mouse, and phone frequently.

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The Kings' Dustin Brown scores past Flames goalie Joni Ortio and defenceman Chris Butler at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Thursday night.
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Quick and Kings feed Flames a bagel

NHL. Calgary's 5-game home winning streak comes to an end

Dustin Brown had a goal and an assist and Jonathan Quick made 25 saves as the Los Angeles Kings made it back-to-back wins Thursday night with a 2-0 victory over the Calgary Flames.

On an evening that Calgary honoured Canadian Olympians in a pre-game ceremony, the night was spoiled by a pair of players from the U.S. Olympic hockey team.

On Thursday

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Quick was steady all night in collecting his third shutout of the season and 29th of his career. He was especially sharp through the opening 40 minutes as Calgary built up a 23-13 edge in shots but trailed 1-0.

After scoring the first goal three minutes into the game, Brown helped the Kings get an important insurance goal, setting up Dwight King in front of the net 3:30 into the third period.

King neatly slipped away from Flames defenceman Mark Giordano and was set up at the top of the crease by Brown.

Brown and Quick were part of the U.S. Olympic team that lost the bronze-medal hockey game to Finland.

Los Angeles (33-22-6) has won three in a row including its first two games after the Olympic Break. They opened their short two-game road trip with a 6-4 victory in Colorado on Wednesday night.

Calgary (22-30-7), which went into the break on a 6-1-1 tear, lost for the first time at home in six weeks. The Flames had won their last five games at the Scotiabank Saddledome.

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MLB

Bautista already in flight for Jays

Jose Bautista kept up his torrid start to the spring, hitting two doubles and driving in two runs Thursday that sent the Toronto Blue Jays over the Philadelphia Phillies 7-5.

A day after hitting a long home run against the Phillies in his first at-bat of exhibition play, Bautista had an RBI double in the first inning off Philadelphia ace Cliff Lee.

Bautista finished 2-for-2 with a walk. The former two-time major-league homer champion missed the final six weeks last year because of a hip injury.

Jose Reyes, Brett Lawrie and Melky Cabrera also drove in runs for Toronto.

Darin Ruf and John Mayberry Jr. hit home runs for Philadelphia.

Blue Jays starter R.A. Dickey allowed one unearned run in two innings.

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MLB

Jeter farewell tour begins with a dud

Derek Jeter got a partial standing ovation Thursday before hitting into a double play in his first at-bat of the first spring training game of his final season.

The New York Yankees captain, who turns 40 in June, hit a grounder to second off Pittsburgh right-hander Charlie Morton. He swung and missed once, hit three foul balls and grounded into a 4-6-3 double play on a 3-2 pitch.

Jeter grounded out to third on an 0-1 pitch against left-hander Jeff Locke in the fourth.

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Nets' Collins finding grace under pressure

NBA. Brooklyn centre wearing jersey in honour of slain gay college student

Brooklyn Nets centre Jason Collins
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Deron Williams took a moment to snap a few photos of Brooklyn teammate Jason Collins at their shootaround in Portland.

He couldn't help it: The NBA's first openly gay player was surrounded by a throng of cameras and microphones, and at least for the next week or so, Collins will be the face of the Nets wherever they go.

The seven-footer was signed to a 10-day contract on Sunday. He played in a 108-102 victory over the Lakers that night, with two rebounds, five fouls and a steal in just under 11 minutes.

Before Wednesday night's game against the Trail Blazers, Collins said he accepted both the interest and scrutiny that has come with his return to the league.

"I'm back playing basketball, so of course I'm enjoying this," he said.

The Nets visited Denver Thursday night, where the family of slain Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard were expected to make the drive for the game against the Nuggets.

Shepard was tortured and murdered in 1998 because he was gay. Collins wears his No. 98 jersey in Shepard's honour. He wants to keep the details of any meeting with Judy Shepard to himself.

"Obviously, it's extremely special and I'm very much looking forward to meeting them," he said.

Collins wore the No. 98 with both the Boston Celtics and the Washington Wizards for Shepard even before coming out.

"We were very touched," Judy Shepard told the New York Daily News about the jersey. "For him to make that tribute to Matt was meaningful to us."

The jersey was already the biggest seller of the day Tuesday on NBAStore.com, and the NBA said it was selling well again Wednesday. The league didn't provide the number of jerseys sold.

Collins publicly announced he was gay last May, and he joins several other athletes to come out, including Robbie Roberts of Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy, Brittney Griner of the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury, and NFL draft hopeful Michael Sam, an All-American defensive end who played at Missouri.

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Driving the lane for two

Toronto Raptors DeMar DeRozan shoots over Washington Wizards' Chris Singleton during the first half of Thursday night's game at the Air Canada Centre. DeRozan scored 34 points, but Toronto still lost 134-129 in triple overtime. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bertuzzi trial

Moore's lawyer calls for McCaw's testimony

The former owner of the Vancouver Canucks should be forced to answer, in front of a jury, if he approved a career-ending sucker punch on Steve Moore, a lawyer for the former NHL player argued in court Thursday.

It's now 10 years after Todd Bertuzzi's infamous hit, and Moore's multi-million-dollar lawsuit is finally approaching a trial.

Moore's lawyer, Tim Danson, is asking the Ontario Superior Court to compel John McCaw Jr., who is based in Seattle, to testify in Toronto.

Master Ronald Dash, who is hearing the motion, said he would not order McCaw to testify in person at the trial, slated to begin in September, but is considering Danson's alternate request that McCaw testify via video conference.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
As mind planet Mercury moves in your favour again today your attitude will change for the better and you will be more upbeat about your hopes. Anything is possible if you want it enough.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Keep telling yourself that you have what it takes. If you say it enough, you will start to believe it and when that happens, all sorts of doors will suddenly open to you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you have something to say you know isn't going to please some people, say it now. Don't worry about the consequences. Your job is to call it as you see it, and you see more clearly than most.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Be on the lookout for money-making opportunities but don't go rushing after them the moment you spot them. As Mercury, planet of intellect and communication, turns direct again today you can afford to take your time.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
A loved one will speak their mind today and what they have to say will shock you. You never realized they could be so passionate, or so angry. Well, now you know, so what are you going to do about it?

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
As of today you should find it easier to organize your daily routine and either get rid of or delegate jobs that take up a great deal of your time for very little in the way of rewards.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
News you receive from afar will make you realize that what you've been worrying about in recent weeks is of no real importance. Creatively and romantically, seize the initiative and make things happen.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It may annoy you that someone is saying untrue things. But the best approach is to pretend that you have not noticed and that you agree with every word they say. Then prove them wrong.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Now that Mercury, planet of communication, is moving in your favour again, you will find it easy to express yourself. But don't let everyone know what is going on in your head.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
What seems extraordinary to you may be an everyday occurrence to other people, so let your mind be open to all possibilities. It doesn't, of course, mean you have to agree with them.

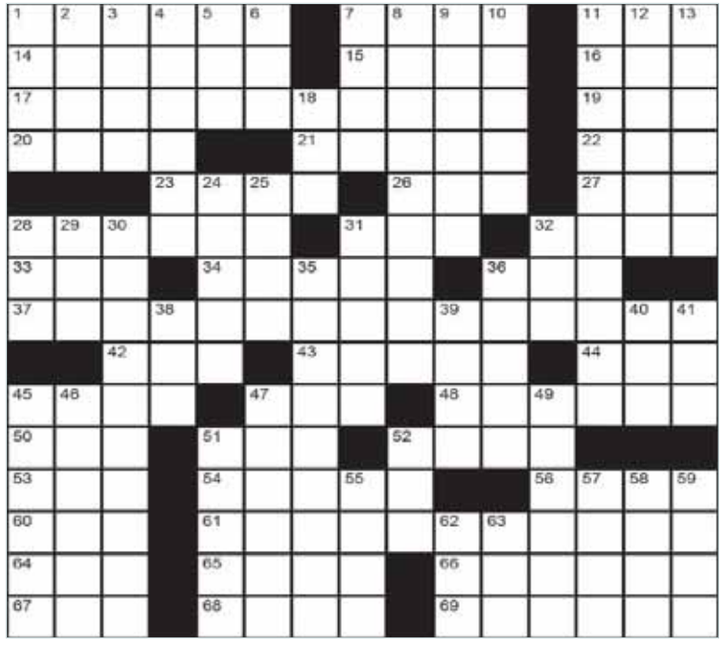
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Any self-doubts you have will start to fade today and with luck will be swept away by tomorrow's new moon. People expect you to be positive in your views and don't want to disappoint them.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Mercury ends its retrograde phase and your self-belief will soar. With a new moon and a wonderful Sun-Jupiter link over the next 48 hours, this could be one of the best weekends of the year. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

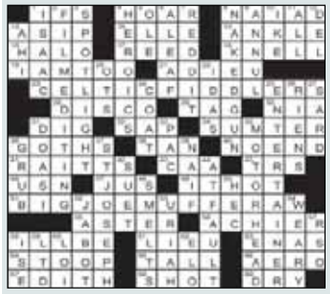
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Sandy site
7. Cross of ancient Egypt
11. Talking Heads tune: "And She __"
14. Four-leaf __
15. Like retro records
16. Sherbrooke 'soul'
17. One-of-the-some who vote on Oscars: acronym + word
19. Till bill
20. Key
21. Traditions
22. Inventor Mr. Whitney
23. Pointing-out word
26. Bar brew
27. Duran Duran hit
28. Merry
31. "__-boom-bah!"
32. Near-not
33. "...man __ _ mouse?"
34. __ __ egg (Give birth, chicken-style)
36. Pres. monogram
37. Montreal-born star who received a Best Actress Oscar nod for her role as Anne Boleyn in "Anne of the Thousand Days" (1969): 2 wds.
42. Choler
43. Truth __
44. Born, fancy-style
45. Cats, for instance
47. '60s hit: "__ My Party"
48. Gymnastics great, Mary Lou __
50. English cathedral town
51. George Harrison's autobiography, _ __ Mine
52. Office-worker's 'about': 2 wds.
53. Klutz
54. After: French
56. Canadian comic Mr. Macdonald
60. Harper Valley org.
61. Movie of 1943 (with Greer Garson in the title role) for which Canadian star Walter Pidgeon was a Best Actor nominee: 2 wds.
64. Worn wreath
65. Oktoberfest drink
66. Martial Art
67. Slip
68. Greek Myth: Charon's river
69. Shoelace-insertion spot

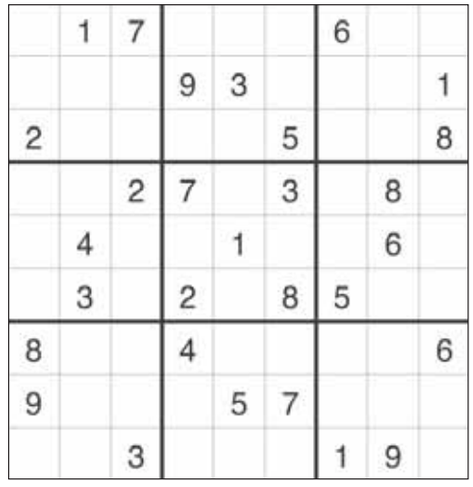
Down
1. Hoodwink
2. __ mater
3. Culture of northeastern Arizona
4. Billy Wilder directed comedy of 1972 starring Jack Lemmon!
5. CV
6. Branch
7. Cartridge, e.g.
8. Easily-figured-out decision
9. Prays at the pew
10. 2014 Best Animated Short Film nominee, "Get a __!"
11. Best Picture winner, "On the __" (1954)
12. Henry Fielding book of 1751
13. Junior opposite
18. 911 respondent
24. Bisect
25. Jai __
28. Treadmill pace
29. USA state
30. Magazine that hosts an annual Oscars party: 2 wds.
31. Keeps
32. Modifying wd.
35. Beatles song
36. Irked individual
38. Hosp. areas
39. Create a CD
40. 2014 Best Actor nominee Mr. DiCaprio
41. Home room
45. Citizenry
46. One who uplifts others with joy, say
47. Bestow
49. Time on the job
51. Poetic feet
52. Philosophy
55. Waters: French
57. Unwritten
58. Ceremony
59. Convene
62. Supplement
63. Small island

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

4	8	7	2	1	9	3	6	5
1	2	6	3	8	5	7	4	9
9	5	3	7	6	4	1	2	8
3	7	8	1	2	6	5	9	4
2	1	5	9	4	3	8	7	6
6	4	9	8	5	7	2	3	1
7	6	4	5	3	8	9	1	2
8	3	2	6	9	1	4	5	7
5	9	1	4	7	2	6	8	3

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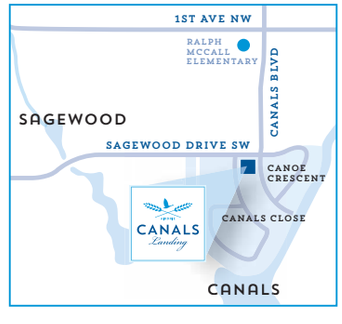
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